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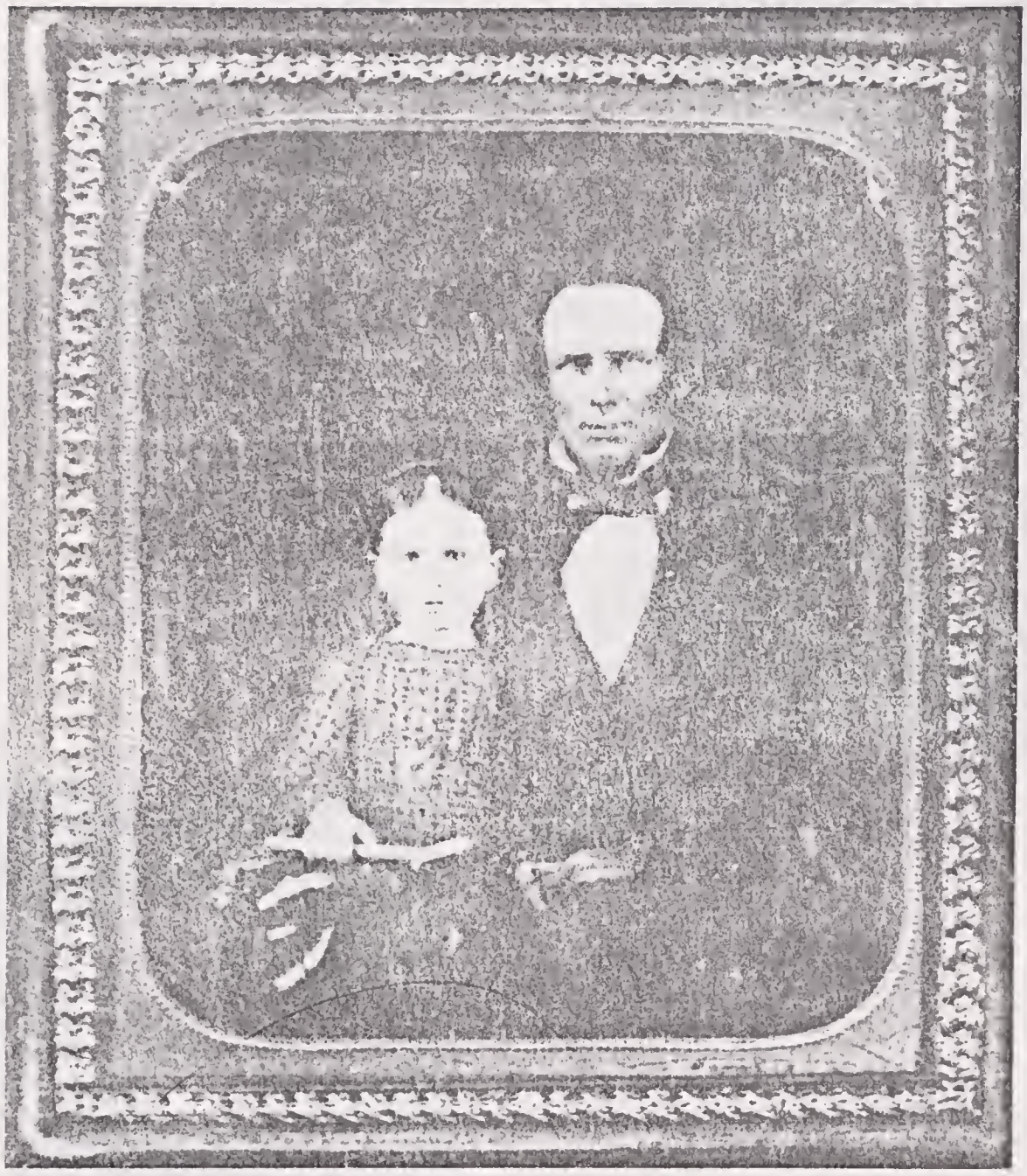


DOCTOR JOHN D. BANCROFT WITH HIS DAUGHTER MARY CATHARINE (AUNT CATY) HE IN HIS EARLY FIFTHIES AT THE HEIGHT OF HIS CAREER,

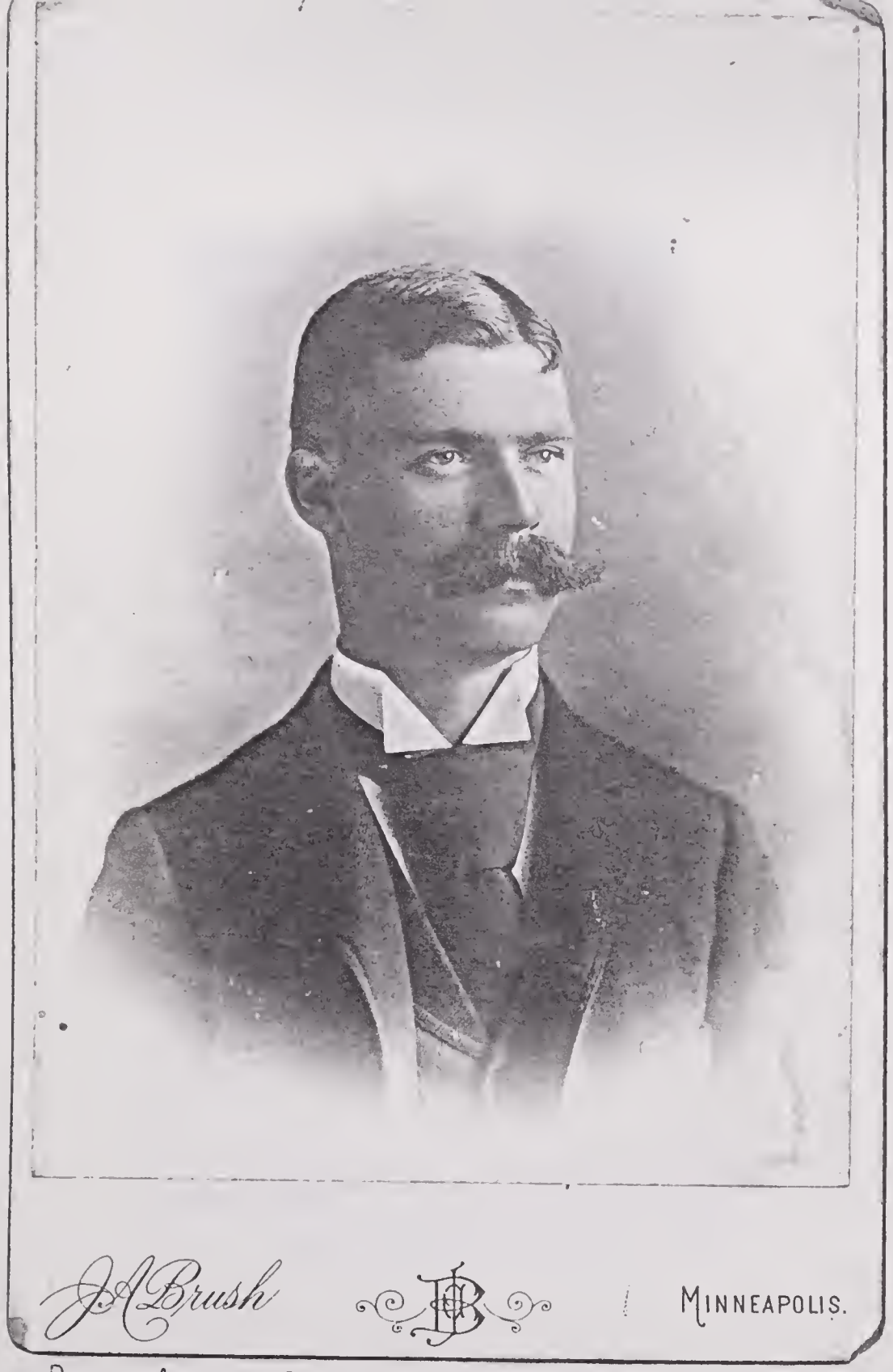
LAURA (BIRDSALL) BANCROFT
WIFE OF DR. J.D.BANCROFT

WM. OSCAR BANCROFT THEIR SON

MARY CATHARINE BANCROFT
DAUGHTER OF J.D.BANCROFT

MARY CATHARINE BANCROFT STUDENT IN
MADISON FEMALE SEMENARY

PARK COTRELL HER FIRST LOVE.
DIED BEFORE GRADUATION



REV. ALVAH SABIN HOBART, PARK COTRELL'S ROOMATE IN DEVINITY SCHOOL, COURTED CATY AFTER PARK'S DEATH

MARY CATHARINE (BANCROFT) HOBART

Dr. John Demarest Bancroft

Successful Mid-Nineteenth Century Physician

Dr. John D. Bancroft was eminently successful. His father, Dr. David Bancroft, was less fortunate. The latter lost his Vermont farms, his fortune, his wife, and his health; and, unable to satisfy his creditors, was thrown into a debtors' prison. His friends secured his release, but he never recovered from his losses.

Dr. John Bancroft, unlike his father, became a wealthy man by local standards. Not as rich as the large plantation owners of the South or as the industrial giants of the East, but well-to-do for Harpursville in Broome County, New York, of which Binghamton is the county seat. Here he lived in one of the finer homes, owned valuable land, had a good practice, and was a community leader. What was the secret of his success?

The year 1800 marked the birth of Dr. John Bancroft, but also that of George Bancroft, the historian. Both grew up in the exciting years after the Revolution and during and after the War of 1812. They were remotely related, and both succeeded under very different circumstances and in very different ways.

George was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, into a very stable New England family. His father, Rev. Aaron Bancroft, was a powerful man; a distinguished minister, Revolutionary soldier, and author. By example and precept, he was an effective father and his wife, an effective mother. George enjoyed the security and the advantages of a maturing New England society, now two centuries old. He was educated at Phillips Academy, finished at Harvard, and studied extensively in three German universities. One can scarcely visualize an origin or preparation better designed to prepare a great mind for distinguished service on

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the national and international scene. His was a life of broad horizons. He dealt brilliantly with our northwest boundary and our southwest border and similar difficult problems as he served as Secretary of the Navy, Ambassador, historian, and briefly as Secretary of War.

Dr. John D. Bancroft was born under very different circumstances. The wanderlust of an adolescent ancestor had started our branch on the hard road of westward migration. The family settled in Plainfield, Vermont. Young Dr. David, John's father, secured a medical education in or near Catskill and here met and married Cathrina* (Oothoudt) Demarest, the widow of Captain Jan* Demarest of Claverack on the Hudson. She was the daughter of the eminent and wealthy Judge Hendrick Oothoudt, a descendant of the early Dutch who settled in the Hudson Valley before the English came.

Young Dr. David took Cathrina to Moretown, Vermont, where he had bought farms. He began the practice of medicine and was soon elected Justice of the Peace. On her marriage, the judge settled a generous annual annuity upon Cathrina. With the income from his farms, his medical practice, his justice fees, and from her endowment, it seemed their economic needs were assured. But misfortune followed. Judge Oothoudt became ill and the annuity did not come through in the amount he had intended, and stopped altogether when he died. Both Cathrina and David developed "consumption," of which she died when their son John was only eight years old. Dr. David's disease ran a chronic course but, although he survived, he was unable to manage his farms, continue his medical practice and, without the Oothoudt annuity, he was soon thrown into a debtors' prison, having lost wife, fortune, and health.

* We use the Dutch spelling of names to emphasize the Dutch influence on his life.

Dr. David's purchase of the Vermont farms may have been a bad venture for, at this time, Easterners who had settled in mountainous Vermont had found survival in that state was more difficult than in New England. Now, hearing of the rich lands in the Mohawk, Genesee, and Ohio Valleys, they were moving west in large numbers.

Broken in health, he, for a time, ran a bar in a roadside tavern. For his second wife, he married Lydia Robinson of Moretown. She bore him seven children, assuring his continued poverty. He lived on small, rented farms and taught school as he tried to provide the needs of his rapidly growing family.

Dr. John was born in the Oothoudt home in Catskill, Green County, New York, the only child of Dr. David Bancroft and his first wife, Cathrina (Oothoudt) (Demarest) Bancroft. She died when he was but eight years of age, but his father's misfortunes led John to continued residence with his mother's Dutch relatives--Oothoudts, Demarests, and Van Bergens. Here he enjoyed the close association with his older half-brother and sister, Henry O. and Nettie Demarest, his mother's children by Captain Jan Demarest.

The Oothoudts sought to have John indentured to them, the expression employed at that time for adoption. Dr. David knew that with their wealth they could offer the boy much more than he, but he also knew that indentured children were often "used" and denied education. In a response, he refused their offer, but permitted them to keep him until such time as "he or the boy should want him returned to his father." For about fourteen years, he lived in the luxury of the homes of these wealthy Dutch; an environment typified by the liberal views and tolerance of the Dutch that made Holland a safe refuge for the French Heugenauts and English Separatists; a Christian environment of the Dutch Reformed faith. This tolerance followed him all his life and made it easy for him to adapt to the homes of English,

German, French, as well as Dutch patrons when, as an itinerant school master, their room, board, and laundry was part of his remuneration.

That he was no New England Calvinist Puritan was revealed years later when his daughter, Mary Cathanine, a student in the Madison Female Seminary, wrote describing an encounter with a classmate who counted "all earthly pleasure as sin." He assured her that, within the bounds of decency, pleasurable social activity was desirable. That her rearing in his home had taught her industry and decency is suggested by the fact that she not only led her class, but the entire student body in scholarship, as reported by the master of the seminary.

His tolerance found expression when, after retirement, he went to Fortress Monroe to teach the "contraband" (blacks). He could tolerate their noisy, undisciplined religious services and hymns sung to a jungle rhythm, for he saw in their illiteracy sincerity, and a remarkable knowledge of the Bible stories. But this put him in "bad odor" with his New England superior, who was less tolerant and desired a more formal service. He was, then, less inhibited than the English New Englanders, who followed the "hell-fire" preaching of the Calvinist preachers.

Examination of John's intimate diary should reveal the development of a character which could lift him out of his father's poverty to success.

This diary was begun in 1817, just before his 17th birthday. (The first page has been lost.) It was at this time that he began his career, at 16 years, as itinerant school master. The booklet is homemade, with leather covers secured by a thong. Like it, he made an arithmetic book and other books for school use. This thrift was forced upon him; but may not this self-sufficiency, this thrift, in the manner of Poor Richard of Franklin's invention, have been a part of his success?

The young, itinerant teacher not only succeeded in his professional activities, but found his social life enjoyable. In this day, when large families lived on adjoining farms, when for several generations there had been intermarriage between them, when travel was restricted to the horse, social events drew many cousins. So, more or less, close cousin marriages were commonplace. Under these circumstances, John found himself very popular. He was well-dressed, widely traveled for that day, better educated than most, and an available, unrelated bachelor. His diary refers to several affairs of the heart.

Finally, when he was just 21, he made this entry:

> "Went to Canajoharrie and settle my
> business there and had its final
> adieu, purposing never to enter
> that neighborhood again,
> for there I have seen disturbance;
> and there I've talked of love.
> For there I've trod on fancies skys
> now sigh beneath her nod.
> But still the valley long and low,
> does one rich treasure hold."

Was his love rejected here? Did Emolene or her family see in this good-looking young wanderer an Ichabod Crane, not a very suitable husband?

Maria Pomeroy was John's first serious love. His attachment to her was intense. She lived in Paines Hollow, which he had visited many times. Although he mentioned her just once, he no doubt knew her and her family well. The importance of this relationship is revealed in his words below as he left Paines Hollow for his father's farm:

> "July 24, 1821.
> "Found my parents well and stayed one week
> longer than I expected.
> "August 11. Left my father's for my school
> ---.

> August 12. Met Elder N. Wilcox as I came in sight of Paines Hollow. I took his hand in friendship. But ---how I was struck with horor, ---, when he spoke these words, ---'Mr. Bancroft I have solemn news to tell you. Maria Pomeroy, who was so hearty and well when you left, she is dead and buried.' My heart shrunk within me."

John's mourning was intense. He visited her grave daily, covering it with "turfs." Had he had a strong family, he would have found support, but his step-mother had never been able to play a maternal role for him, and he was alienated from his father. He turned to Mr. Holmes and other evangelists active in the community at the time. Under their influence, he was converted, baptized, and joined the Baptist church and, for a time, considered entering the ministry, but his father urged more education and suggested medicine. Although he followed the latter course, he was a pillar in that church for a lifetime.

This experience probably awakened him to the realization that he could gain neither substance nor wife in the rather carefree, pleasant life as a popular, eligible, young blade. He considered tailoring, brewing, and tanning. His father urged more schooling, and suggested a presceptorship (apprenticeship) in medicine. He started to study medicine.

> "What melancholy seizes me for every hour brings me nearer to the time when I must rise or sink forever."

To study a trade or profession was hard; the happy-go-lucky life was calling. A year later, when he had given up medicine, he wrote:

> "How changeable is the mind of man
> or how weak and wavering is mine.
> One day pursuing the study of a profession
> the next---laying plans---

for setting up a distillery. ---
one week eagerly wooing an amiable
young lady and the next leaving her."

Again the easy path, the frivolous way was tempting him.

Is it not clear that he lacked the strong, nuclear family that George Bancroft had? That George's father, a powerful preacher, military officer, enjoyed the respect of his son and did by example and precept mold his son's life so that George followed in his footsteps? But, he did not preach long. He moved into national and international politics, where he found a most rewarding career.

Although John was early emancipated from his father's home and indeed alienated over the father's poverty, his father did urge him to continue his medical training, to which he did return.

If we turn to his diary for clues to his success, we find a careful reporting of his schools as he sought subscription schools up and down the eastern Mohawk Valley. The fact that he was retained or called back for second terms reveals his success in the eyes of the patrons. That he reported no difficulties in these ungraded schools, even though some of his scholars were older than he, suggests his popularity with them. At one point, he notes, "Fatigued myself playing games to enliven my scholars." This is an important clue to his success with them.

His diary also reports the residence of his father as he moved from one small farm to another. In great detail, he describes the move in which a creditor seized some of his father's goods because of an unpaid debt, greatly humiliating the father in the eyes of his son. The son, John, however, returned to his father's home from time to time to assist his invalid father in his farming, and even to give him financial help as was his legal duty until he reached 21. When that day came, he resented his father's acceptance of money. This precipitated a real estrangement.

On March 4, 1862, Dr. John Demarest Bancroft wrote his family from Fortress Monroe, Virginia, where he had gone as a teacher to help the "contraband" (blacks):

> "Sunday morning attended a sunrise meeting with the colored brethren. Read the XV Chapter of John to them and made some remarks. ---It was good to hear their warm, glowing and spiritual remarks, --- on what they term Holy Ghost religion."

During the war, thousands of blacks came through the lines, seeking shelter in the north. Near Fortress Monroe, they were placed in a large compound, housed in miserable shanties in a sea of mud. The northern soldiers, who they assumed would befriend them, commonly abused them most unmercifully. Dr. Bancroft was not a remarkable northerner in his opposition to slavery. He was remarkable in that, at the age of 62, retired from practice because of ill health, he would leave the comfort of his home to go to the blacks, read to them (for they were unable to read), observe their "Holy Ghost religion," and hear them sing hymns to a jungle rhythm. With such sensitivity to human needs, such tolerance, he could see the blacks as "earnest and sincere in their noisy, boisterous worship!" It made it possible for him to associate with them as teacher and see the good in them! Why was he so concerned for the black who was hit over the head with a shovel by a northern soldier and injured so badly he was not expected to live? Why was he so concerned over "bright-eyed children" with black skins and shiny, white teeth, but denied an education? What was the origin of his tolerance which had served him so well in his youth as a successful, itinerant school master, and later a successful doctor?

As teacher, physician, leader in village society, and as missionary to the blacks in a military compound, Dr. John Bancroft's success was based upon a sensitivity to, and response to, the needs of individuals. He began his life in the luxury of a wealthy Dutch home, was indoctrinated in the Christianity of the Dutch Reformed faith, and the traditional Dutch tolerance for the beliefs of others. He saw his father as a failure, who could neither by precept nor example set a way of life that John would care to follow. As a wandering, itinerant teacher, he found an easy escape from the poverty of his father's home in a frivolous, social life he found and enjoyed popularity.

It seems quite reasonable, if unusual, for Dr. John, in his retirement, to go to a Negro encampment and show an interest in the plight of individual blacks. It would seem utterly foreign to the character of George B. Bancroft to do such a thing. George, in his English New England family origin, his extensive American and European education, and his national and international achievements, held a very lofty opinion in opposition to slavery; but it would be hard to believe he would go to a Negro compound and observe firsthand the individual misfortunes of the blacks. There simply is very little in common between the lives of these two successful Bancrofts, George and Dr. John.

Throughout this diary, quotations are made from many unrevealed sources. They seem unusual in their number and content and are rarely found in other diaries of his family.

On religion:

1. How soon are our hopes blasted, all our expectations fail, if not based upon the Rock of Ages. (Page 17)
2. Feed me food convenient for me, lest being full I deny Thee and say "who is the Lord?" (Page 5)
3. Take not the Lord's name in vain. (Page 5)

Are not these the words of the Dutch Reformed faith, rather than the "damnation" and "hell-fire," the "price of sin" preached by the New England Calvinists? Written before he was 21, they suggest his mother's influence and that of the Oothoudt family.

Regarding "ardent spirits:"

To ardent spirits, when we fly,
to seek from pain relief,
It adds a groan to every sigh,
and a pang to every grief. (Page 4)

Regarding death:

1. Describes several youthful deaths and points out the need to prepare for the "final change." (Page 7)
2. Prepare for death!
   Boast not of tomorrow
   for thou knowest not
   what that day may bring forth. (Page 8)

Regarding management of scholars:

Fatigued myself playing games to enliven my scholars.

His father's poverty:

When moving a load of goods from one farm to another he was overtaken by a creditor who, with a court order, seized some of the household goods.

He had given his father financial support, which was his duty before he was 21. When he passed 21, he had no obligation to do this. He considered money given after he was 21, a loan. He felt his father treated him badly in a settlement. This led to an alienation which was most unfortunate.

Regarding morality:

1. Vice creeps in upon the soul by degrees. (Page 14)
2. Few people by the sword are slain, but thousands by the tongue.
3. Truth abstains from lying, follow the ways of truth. (Pages 16-17)

Friends: (Page 27)

The easy and frivolous path:
How much of my existence---has been passed
in idleness and in vanity, I cannot tell.
I must improve that which is to come
to the best advantage.

This last observation is especially significant. Is it now dawning on him that he can gain neither substance nor wife in this transient way of life with its thoroughly enjoyable, but frivolous, social activities? Is he not fumbling his way through life's problems without the strong, nuclear family that George Bancroft had?

There is an interesting parallel in the life of Ben Franklin. Josiah Franklin had a family of 17 children. He had to apply himself diligently to his trade as a candlemaker to maintain his family in poverty. When his father declined to loan Ben money, the boy began working in the printing office of his brother. He eventually drifted to England, where he continued in the printing trade and, to the age of 21, pursued a rather frivolous social life.

Ben knew from experience the drudgery of existence into which many young men are trapped. As a tradesman, he knew how enervating the daily round of chores could be. He emerged from it himself.

At 21 years, as he returned to Philadelphia, he realized that he was entering a new life and decided that he needed an

orderly plan of life. Ralph Ketcham quotes Ben as follows:

> "Those who write of art or poetry teach us that if we would write that which may be worth the reading, we ought always, before we begin, to form a regular plan and design of our piece. I am apt to think if this is the same as to life. I have never fixed a regular design in life, by which means it has been a confused variety of different scenes. I am now entering upon a new one. Let me make some resolutions, and form some scheme of action, that I may live in all respects like a rational creature.
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> 1. --- to be extremely frugal,---.
> 2. --- to speak the truth in every instance,---.
> 3. --- to apply myself industriously,---.
> 4. ---, speak ill of no man,---."

Ben took this final step which was expressed in "Poor Richard's Almanac" and became famous as the "way to wealth." John may have read "Poor Richard." Franklin's principles are repeatedly expressed in the children's books which came from our ancestral home. He demonstrated thrift in the use of homemade books. He demonstrated moderation when he told his daughter that "not all earthly pleasure was sin." He, at twenty-one, leaves the easy path when he decides to study medicine. He was tempted to return to the easy path when he quit medicine; but then, with encouragement from his father, he returned. His views on religion, ardent spirits, preparation for death, attitude toward students, morality, and industry are remarkably like those of Franklin.

When John reached 21 years, he had some remarkable relationships. He was the only child of his father, Dr. David III, and his mother, Cathrina (Oothoudt) (Demarest) Bancroft. But his mother, widow of Captain Demarest, had two children by the captain. He then had a half-brother, Henry O. Demarest, and a half-sister, Nettie Demarest, who were 19 and 17 years older than he. He had lived with them early in his life and had a lifelong interest in them. On his father's side, he had the children of Dr. David III by his second wife, Lydia Robinson: half-brothers Harvey, Henry, Perry, Ira, Enos, Berthier, all younger than he. Berthier and Enos L. are mentioned most frequently in his records. He was somewhat alienated from his father.

It is difficult to unravel the identity of his grandparents. He had Oothoudt grandparents, Bancroft grandparents, Robinson grandparents, his wife's grandparents (the Birdsalls), and he had a multitude of aunts, uncles, and cousins. He had, indeed, no strong family ties as he lived his years as an itinerant school master.

Few young people married early at this time for they were legally bound to work for and support their parents until 21 years of age. We have such a law in the Nebraska statutes to this day. Although archaic, it is preserved, for it gives a means of calculating the loss to a father if a son is killed. But when John reached 21 and was thinking of marriage, he recognized that he no longer had this obligation to his father, so money given to his father after 21 he counted a loan. When he sought the return of this money, he was very "dissatisfied" with his father and his step-mother long before he was 21, and this estrangement increased when he reached 21.

Someone is sure to conclude from my remarks that young John was promiscuous. It was well known then as now, according to the

American Medical Association,* which recently referred to the "sexually liberal Netherlands." Today, this is a concern in the international campaign against the serious threat of the "AIDS" epidemic. While there has been a "liberal attitude" toward sex in Holland, it is also true that the church then and now has opposed this. We have his mother's well-worn Bible and hymnbook as evidence of her devotion to the Dutch Reformed Church which then and today vigorously opposed today's "so-called sexual freedom." Although Dr. Ellis and he mentioned pregnancies among unmarried girls of their acquaintance, there is no suggestion that he was involved. Nowhere does he mention the old Dutch custom of "bundling," or other activity that would favor such intimacy. I do not believe he was promiscuous.

Doctor John D. Bancroft succeeded partly because he was skillful in relating to the needs of individuals. As school master, as doctor, as community leader, this was the key to his success. George Bancroft, with his New England origin and remarkable education, succeeded in a career with national and international horizons. He could not and he would not have followed John's path any more than John could or would attempt his. To his credit, John lived a very useful life as he, like Ben Franklin, abandoned the easy and convenient path with its frivolous social activity and took the difficult step that qualified him for a most useful and satisfying career. Credit must be given to his father who, although their relationship was strained, urged more education--and to his mother for a Christian indoctrination, and to the Dutch for tolerance.

* American Medical News, October 9, 1987, p. 43.

The Diary.

April 1817 to teach school in Canajoharrie.

Dec. 22, 1817; Began a school in Oppenheim.

(Note--At 16 he left home to teach school 25 miles away)

Diary of J. D. Bancroft.

Canajoharry, May 1818. Began
school on Monday in Sch. District
No. 11 for one month at 11 dollars per mo.
The 14th wrote to
Robinson Randolph. On the 16th wrote
a letter to Mr. John H. Demarest,
Catskill, County of Green, N.Y. The
19th learnt the Tuelonick alphabet
after school. June 1, no school.
Went to see my uncle Eben. the 7, who
lived in Danube, about 6 miles.
He was gone on a visit to my fathers.
9th went to Cherry Valley, stopped at
Mr. Lewis, a few moments. 13th, left off
school, made my father a visit.
Began school Tuesday, the 17th. Borrowed
a trunk of Mr. G. Fetherly. The 13th went
to Robinson,s. The 15th went to Cherry Valley.
The 17th went to Oppenheim to see my
father, stayed all the 19th, then returned
as far as Mr. Robinson,s, Next morning to my
school. August 1st left off school

for one week to work at harvesting.
Wednesday night the 5th of August, there
was a riot commited by Christian Yorton,
Henry Tygert and Peter Akken
at the house of George Fetherly while
I was sleeping in his house and
being a witness to it was abliged to
go next day before Esquire
Yates and was bound over to
the next court of general session
of the peace. The 22nd went on a visit
to my Uncle Robinson. About that time
wrote a dialogue between Christ-
ian and Dirst. On the 31th went
to Mr. Lewis', and found them all well.
5th of September,returned to my father in
Oppenheim. The next day,Sunday, saw
five persons baptized by immersion by
Elder wilcox from Minon. The next day
returned to my School District.

Being misinformed went Tuesday
the 2nd. to Johnstown to attend the
court as a witness against the above
mentioned rioters. Returned the next day.
On account of its not being
tried till the December Session.
Bought a red Moroco hat for my brother
Price 10 shillings. Began school
again the 10th, had 7 schollars.
The 19th went to the river (Mohawk) to
the training. 27, went to see my uncle in
Danube. The 30th my father stopped to
see me as he was going from Oppenheim
to Cherry Valley. Sent to Albany and
got me a hat, price $3.00.
"We value thatwe have got;
Not so much as that which we have not".
Oct. 16th went to visit my parents at
Oppenheim. Next day, Sunday, went
to meeting about 2 miles. The text was
in Ecclesiastes III;15 - "That which
hath been is now; and that
which is to be has already been
and God requireth that which is past".

The words were very well selected
but the speaker lulled his audience
to sleep by almost invariably
making a cadence at every third word
"I believe I don't know what".

John D. Bancroft.

Recieved a letter from Cyrus
Robinson about this time which
surprised me as to the ability of this
performer. (since found out that he was
not the writer). Oct. 25th went to Mr.
Robinson's. He is living with a man
who is in the practice of getting drunk
once a month or oftener. Mrs. Robinson
(my aunt) informed me that after his
drinking fit was over he frequently
could not sleep for three or four
nights on account of fear.

To ardent spirits when we fly,
to seek from pain relief;
It adds a groan to every sigh,
a pang to every grief.

Nov. 4th. finished my school and
recieved my pay except about 5 dollars.
10th, went to Mr. Robinsons', staid
till Monday, then went home to my
Father's". He moved from Oppenheim
to Fairfield, Herkimer County.
The 14th took a school in Herkimer,
for three months at 11$ for the two first
months and 12 for the next. 16th began school.
21st went home to my fathers at Eatons
Bush, Fairfield. 30th returned home.

"Remove far from me vanity and
lies. Give me miether poverty or riches.
Feed me with food convenient for
me, lest L be full and deny thee, and
say, who is the Lord? Or
lest I be poor and steal or take
the name of my Lord in vain."

Tuesday, Febr. 9th, 1819 - Finished my school.
Continued my school for three months longer at
the same rate as before - Our first snow of
consequence fell between the 12 and the 18th.

Vain pomp and glory of this world
I hate you. "When I must skulk in a corner
lest the rattling equipage of some gaping
blockhead should mangle me in the mire.
I am tempted to exclain, what merit has he
had or what demerit have I had in
some pre - existence, that he is ushered in
this world state of being with the sceptre of
rule and the key of riches in his puny fist and
am kicked into the world of sport, of folly,
or the victim of pride?" Burns.

There is a word which if you
Add a syllable it will make it shorter.
Ans. Shorter.

There is a word of 5 syllables which
if you take away one, no syllable remains.
Answer - Monosyllable Mo - nosyllable

Febr. 19th - Heard of the death of
a young man with whom I
had some acquaintance.
The sudden decease of this youth
shows the frailty of the human
nature and should be a warning
to all; especially the young; who
are apt to have their mind full
of vanity, it is a serious call to

all to prepare for that last and
final change. The circumstances
were nearly such as follow.
He was at work at one potters,
tending a coal pit and in the
morning after eating a hearty
breakfast he went out to his work
apparently well, at noon after
blowing a horn twice for him, they
sent a small girl to call him
to dinner who could not find him
and returned; Upon which one of the men
of the house went and found him
lying on the coal pit, DEAD!!!!

Have heard of two instances
somewhat similar to the above
within this three months past.
One was a young married woman who
with her husband went to a ballet
and after dancing one figure, she
sat down before the fire, where she
had not sat long before she sprang
foreward and fell down and expired.
O Alas! Alas!

The second was an old man
who went to bed well at night.
Towards day his wife percieved him
to be cold and on lighting a candle
found him to be dead!
Prepare for death!
Thou fool, boast not thyself of
tomorrow, for thou knowest not what
a day may bring forth. "In human
hearts what bolder thoughts arise
than man's presumption on tomorrows dawn?
Where is tomorrow? In another world?
For numbers this is certain; the reverse
is sure to none."
27th went home and from there to
the Little Falls on the Mohawk river.
29th sent a letter to uncle Ebenezer M.
Robinson, Danube, New York.
March 6, wrote a letter to brother Henry
O. Demarest, Catskill, County of Green and
State of New York. 10th Fatiqued myself
playing to enliven my schollars and
to learn them to play in harmony and
without playing rash thereby to hurt
one another.

This month my Uncle and his wife made
us a visit. My father went with him to
Sangersfield to see a farm of his.
When they came back my father
concluded to go and live on it
one year. Went and bought stock
for that purpose. In April moved
two loads of furniture.
May 6th - Dismissed school till the next
Monday and returned to my fathers.
He had left home the next morning.
7th - Started with my mother and the
remainder of the furniture and
was stopped by Henry Carter who
had an attachment for the goods.
Took part of them forcibly from the
wagon. I then sent my mother on
with the remainder. Next morning
went after a copy of the attachment.
The Esquire refused to let me have
one. That day went as far as Mr.
Stranahan's in Columbia where our family
all stayed that night.

Mr. Stranahan had been boarded
at my fathers some time whilst
I was quite small. Altho he had
not seen me for about fourteen
or fifteen years and scarcely heard
from me in that time. He still
expressed a pleasure at seeing
me and appeared quite surprised
to see that I had alterrd to much,
saying that he should not have known
me by my appearance. Next day,
Sunday, returned to my school
July 22nd, My father had a law
suit in Winfield, Herkimer Co.,
and was nonsuited on account
of his bail not giving a written
bail bond. This summer lived
with my father in Sangerfield,
County of Oneida, State of N.Y.
This summer for the first time
had to stand in the ranks
under Capt. A. Norton.

Oct. 9th, My father made a pur-
chase of a small farm in this
town joining the one owned by
my uncle E. Robinson.
Monday, Nov.1st. 1819 started
from home in search of a school
and bent my course to the Moha-
wk river. On inquiry found
wages to be low, from 10 to 15$
per month. This day went about 18 m.
Stay all night in Litchfield.
District No I st. Made a bargain
with the trustees that if I return
by Monday next, was to have the
school at 10$ per mo. for 4 mon.
Nov. 2nd Struck the river 4 m. above
Herkimer, went up the river
about one m. & half, spent the
A. M. endevouring to take the school.
Then went down the river till within
4 m. of Little Falls, left the turpike

went directly up from the
river 4 m. to Pains Hollar. Put up
a Pains Tavern.
Nov. 8th. Engaged the school
at Litchfield for four mo. $10 per mo.
16th. Commenced teaching
Nov. 20th, Was examined by
Justice Rider, Timothy Fuller
& Boughton Everett.
Nov. 24th. He who is truly polite
knows how to contradict with
respect, and is equally re-
mote from an insipid com-
plaisance and low familiarity.
Dec. 18th. Went home about
18 m. Found my father had moved
onto his own place off of my uncles
and commenced teaching a school
in that district, began school 20th.
Jan. 15th, 1820, Returned
home was detained from
school one day.

on account of the severety
of the weather, was all day
Wednesday going to my
sch. which was the worst
traveling I ever had for
the distance.
Saturday March 4th, 1820 -
taught four months
Monday the 6th began for another week.
March 12th - Finished my school
in Litchfield last Saturday..
This week went to Canajoharrie
where I taucht school in the sum-
mers of 1818 and 19. Made a
contract for 3 mo. at 11 dollars.
School to commence the first of May.
Had the good fortune to
recieve all my money at
Litchfield on my return home
the district having enough
publick money to pay me off.

13th March, 1820, Arrived at home
in the evening. Found the
neighbors collected to hear a
lecture from a young man (John G. Sterns)
who is studying with Elder J.
W. Clark and who is under the
patronage of the Baptist Educa-
tion Society of the State of N. Y.
Found my parents well.
Vice creeps in upon the soul
by degrees---
He who talks much must talk
in vain-- Few people with the
sword are slain but thousands
with the tongue ----
May 1, 1820, began sch. in
Canajoharrie for 6 mo. at $11.
15th sent a letter to my brother Henry
O. Demarest giving directions to write to me
at Cherry Valley.
To all ladies to whom it may concern;
a good wife should be like three things;
which three things she should not be like.

A Wife domestick, good and pure,
like snail should keep within her door,
But not like snail in silvered track,
Place all her wealth upon her back.

A wife should be like echo true,
To speak when she is spoken to;
But not like Echo still be heard,
Contending for the final word.

A wife like a town clock should be,
keeping time and regularity;
But not like clock harrangue to clear,
that all the town her voice may hear.

Young man if these illusions strike,
She, whom as bride you hail,
Should just be like, and just unlike,
An echo clock and snail.

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Take clean good rye and wash it well, thru several waters, to separate all the dust, light and blighted grains. & then put it into boiling water over the fire; and boil it sufficiently to burst some of the grain, drain it and dry it in the oven after baking. It is then ready to burn or dry over the fire as coffee - eggs ought to be added.

May 24, 1820. ---- This being my birth day
reflections on the revolutions
of years and the shortness of life
naturally intrude on my mind. Twenty years
of my life have been passed away.
Which have been spent in different
parts of this state and Vermont.
How much of my existence on
this terrestrial globe has passed
in iddleness and vanity I cannot tell.
I must therefore improve that which
is to come to the best advantage.
25th. A cure ofr the stone. The
express juice of/or strong
decoction, if dry, of house mint
and of red onion, one gill of each
be taken every morning and evening
till the complaint be removed.
28th. Went with Tom W. Phillip
to Danube, then to Cherry Valley,
Towards evening returned home
to my school and then to my
shame, spoke an untruth.

Truth

that sweet angelic virtue,
O thou omnipotent creator, do
thou enable me, to abstane
from lying, grant that some
guardian angel may protect me
in the ways of truth, for without
thy assistance I can do nothing.
June 8th. Mr. Ebenezer H. Robinson
came to see me, came from my
Father"s, they were well, wished me
not to come home till the 24th inst.
Says Johnson,"A solitary philosopher
would imagine that ladies born with an
exemption from care and sorrow,
lulled in perpetual quiet and
feasted with unmingled pleasure,
for what can interupt the contentment
of those, upon whom one age has labor
ed after another to comfort, honour
and accumulate immunities;
those to whom rudeness is infamy and insult
cowardice; who's eye commands the brave
and who's smiles soften the severe, whom
the sailor travels to adorn, the soldier -

bleeds to defend, and the poet wears out
his life to celebrate; who claim tribute
from every art and science and for who
all who appraoch endeor to mult-
iply delights without requiring an
return but willingness to be pleased.
June 17, Went to Fort Plain on the Moh-
awk, paid $6 to merchant Dieffend-
orff for Ebenezer M. Robinson.
Reflections on the rapidity of time.
Ev"n while we pause, the rapid date
  of light comes rushing on,
The sad heart feels the stroke of fate
  We tremble and are gone.
Gone and forgot - The mourning eye
  May moisten as we sleep,
But time will sooth the rushing sigh
  and dry the eyes that weep.
A little mound of turf alone
  shall shade our senseless breast.
The clay - cold sod, the burial stone,
  made dark with storms, with moss o'ergrown,
Shall mark our place of rest.
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So it turns out and soon are
all earthly expectations blasted.

When you find a red man to
be faithful, a tall man to be
wise, a fat man to be swift on
foot, a lean man to be a fool,
a handsom man to be proud,
a poor man not to be envious,
a knave to be no liar, an upright
man not to bold and harty to his
own loss; one that brawls when
he speaks, not to be crafty and
circumventing; one that winks
on another with his eyes, not to be
false and decietful - saylor and a hangman
to be pitiful, a poor man to build churches,
a quack doctor to have a good conscience, a
bailiff not to be a merciless villain,
an hostess not to over-reckon you,
an usurer to be charitable; a woman
not to be fond of flattery, a handsome
girl not to have suitors and one that
never was decieved; Then say you have
found a prodigy, a person acting cont-
rary to the common course of nature. J.D.B.

was guilty or not is immaterial to me
but this I consider the foolishness
of suffering politics thus to des-
stroy reason. This man was
much thought of in his neigh-
bourhood, had some faults but
many virtues and might have
been a respectable citizen had not
this foible or crime destroyed
his reputation.
His wife and children, O! I sigh to say
must sigh and moan and die disgraced

J.D.B----ft.

July 15th returned to my
fathers in Sangerfield to work at
haying. On my arrival found them
in good health, there had the pleas-
ure of meeting with my Grandsire
Robinsons' family, who had arrived from
Vermont,'the week before, in tolerably good
health - This Mr. Robinson and his
wife were members of the congrega-
tional church. He was a man remark
able for for his steady and calm mind and
beloved by all his acquaintance but of

hard fortune; though industrious.
His wife and daughter were both
taken sick soon after my arrival.
His wife was considered dangerous
when I left there, which was on the 5th
of August -- 7th, began school
having an intermission of three weeks.
14th parused Weems Life of Wash-
ington

My Lord Fairfax

"Then up rose Joc, all at the word,
  and took his masters arm,
And to his bed he softly led,
  The Lord of Green-way farm.
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There oft he called on Britains name
  And oft he wept full sore,
Then sighed - Thy will O Lord be done,
  And word spake never more".

23rd, Went to Mr. Lewis' C----V--- borrowed.
To-morrow O this detestable tomorrow
a thing always expected, yet never found.

Johnson

31st, Thursday, Formed an acquaintance
with Elder Tatman, who informed me
of the death of Mrs. Lion wife of
Dr. Lion of Oppenheim.

She died about 3 weeks before if recolection serves.

Says the Grand Duke of Tuskany, to a friend,"I never bid another do that which I can do myself. I never put off till the morrow what may be done today; nor do I think any matter so tricial as not to deserve notice."

Good can be drawn from almost everything - the above I extracted from a text book.

Example draws where precept fails

Sept 16, Recieved a letter from my father date the 12th inst.

Sept 29th. Went home to Sangersfield.

Passed where a house has been burnt down and consumed its owner in it about two miles east of Bridgewater four corners.

Ac.--- to C--- tradition - wall 200y Savior --- being 30ft h, 24 b, -- 1200m long.

Oct. 23rd. 1820 Recieved in all of the trustees $26.

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a e i o u y l m n r

1820, Nov. 3, Tuesday, This evening went to
Mr. John Bushs' to board, a sensible
Dutchman, farmer, learning very limited.
His son, about five years of age,
a smart lively boy, but unfortunately
having lost his hearing by a fever when
quite small was likewise dumb.
With a grateful heart I thanked
the author of my being for those ines-
timable gifts, as likewise for there pres-
ervation. In the morning I spoke to
him several times, but he not percieving
me till his mother told him (in signs)
the school master was speaking to him
he instantly cast his eye on me
when percieving I was speaking
to him he immediately skulked
behind the table. He appeared to
understand what his parents said to
him altho he could not hear the sound of
a horn or the report of a gun, had a quick
lively, penetrating eye.
Appeared to be the most active
child in the family although when I
entered the house they lay around the
hearth as thick as in the mummy pits of Egypt.

Nov. 11th, Finished my school.

Nov. 18th, Returned home. By not following my own judgement, missed taking a school.

Nov. 27th. Start for Danube to seek for a school.

29th. Engaged to teach a school in Danube, District no 4th for three months at $1. per quarter per Schollar.

Dec. 11th. Began school - Find my self in a difficult District and small school.

On the 26th. went to an exhibition on the river and the direction of a Mr. Devowe.

31st. Went home to my father's in Sangerfield. Found I had been much decieved in my acquaintance with a Hannah Robinson, sister of my step mother. She made her home at my mothers this summer past. Trusted to her my secrets - but have

learnt not to reveal my secrets
to any, without it is as much
their interest to keep them as it
is mine they should be kept.

Am I not worthy of a friend!
I have friends and may I never
lose them till separated by
death!
How soon are all our hopes
blasted, all our expectation
fail if not fixt on the Rock of Ages!!

J.D.B.- A.A.S.

From the Columbian Gazette.
Copied Jan.11,1821/

Expert Spinner.

Miss Mary Browning spun for
Mr. David Pixby of Manchester,
Oneida County, this day, one
hundred and thirty knots of
woolen yarn on a common
large wheel, all of which
she spun between six oclock
in the morning and forty
five minutes after six in the evening,
Oct. 27, 1820.

1821, March 3rd. Finished my
first Qr. (quarter) or at least I
began my second on the 7th. on the
same conditions. Have a considerable
larger school.
19th. Having collected some
money, went home. Found
my acquaintance well.
Went to pay Ira Robinson
a visit, who had lately
moved from Vermont. Lost 3 days
in school. This winter formed
an acquaintance with a
Mr. Elisha Benedict, he
and myself profess to be
friends, may it last long.
April 2nd. A Mr. White came
to make me a visit.

who wishes me to go with

him this fzll to Virginia.

The silent language.

The end of the top of the thumb is	A
The end of the top of the forefinger	E
The end of the top of the middle finger	I
The end of the top of the ring finder	O
The end of the top of the little finger	U
Palm of the hand	Y
One finger on the left thumb	B
Two fingers on the left thumb	C
Three fingers on the left thumb	D
Two fingers laid together	F
Thump your fists together	G
Stroke the palm of both hands	H
Fore finger on left wrist	K
Three fingers on the back of left hand	M
One ditto	L
Two "	N
Clech left fist	P
Clech right fist	Q
Link little fingers	R
Back of hands	S
End of finger to the middle joints	T
Two fingers upom the little fingee (left)	W

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1821 April. Two fore fingers across H

Two snaps of fingers Z

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Wh28 9h111 3 71927 7h6 I4v38g ch10m9
When shall I taste thy loving charms

M16 847 482 h399 b2 fr22
May not one kiss be free

3 F2398 w451d 38 7h6 2v3138g 10m 9
I fain would in thyinviting arms

9p28d 111 m6 73m2 237h 7h22
spend all my time with thee

1 H21v28 48 2107h 7w3h be 74 f311
I Heaven on earth twill be to fill

83gh 79 91b12 h4509 w37h b1399
nights noble hours with bliss

w37h ci8d20 o4w I 19k2 wh38 w311
with candor row I ask whem will

645 goi87 m2 7h39 0295297
you grant me this request

JDB.

7h39 d16 4d16 4f j46 74 m2
This day odaysof joy to me

2v2838g w311 g3v2 m2 p1219502
evening will give me pleasure

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May I but spend it all with thee

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I'll have exquisit treasure

9728d 37 2192wh202 2xc2pt w37h 7h22
spend it elsewhere except with thee

W37h 7h22 m6 m38d 97311 04v382;
with thee my mind still roving

645 7h202 f402 w311 m2 m4ch 4b132g2
you there-fore will me much obliege

Midim b6 I k38d 189 w20
Madam by a kind answer

1822 MAY 9 THIS SPRING LET MY FATHER
$100. AND $30. SINCE
I WAS 21 YEARS OLD

1821, May 6, went with Ann and Maria
Pomeroy to Mr. Overachers to see
an adjoining school district.

Editorial note: John D. Bancroft was now twenty one years of age. Maria was the object of his intense affection. Her sudden and unexpected death is to significantly affect the community and profoundly alter the rest of his life.

1821, July 20 - Started for my
father's at Sangersfield to work
at haying for a fortnight.
The broils and troubles of
the world I hate. The month
past went to Canajoharrie
twice and finally settled my
business in that place and
my final adeau, proposing
never to enter that place again.

For there I've seen disturbance
And there I've talked of love,
There I've tread on fancies skies
Now sigh beneath her nod.
But still that valley, long and low,
Does one rich treasure hold.

Editorial note: He had an earlier love affair in Canajoharrie. He was apparently rejected. Was he becoming aware that, like Ichabod Crane, he could gain neither substance nor wife as an itinerant school master?

to talk about Maria. Tell what excruciating pain she endured but above all how good the Lord had been to her soul. Oh! How their countenances glowed with Christian faith and resignation - which struck every beholder with a conviction of the reality of religion. Oh! what a consolation have those who trust the Lord. In all her anguish Miss Pomeroy, like David, could sing psalms of praise and thanksgiving to the Lord.

On the following day took a resolution to serve the Lord and plead in my heart that if it was consistent with the divine will I might be instructed in His divine will.

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1821, July 21 - This day went by way of
Litchfield and found my young friend
Aaron Cadwell on the way and
went with him home and staid
in that place over Sunday.
24 - Found my parents well and staid
one week longer than I expected.
Aug. 11, Sat. - Left my father's for
my school in the afternoon staid
all night in Columbia.
Aug. 12, Sunday - Met Elder N.
Wilcox as I came in sight of
Paines Hollow. I took his hand
in friendship. But, oh how hot
was I struck with horror and
trembling as he spoke these words,-
"Mr. Bancroft, I have solemn
news to tell you. Maria Pomeroy,
who was so hearty and well when
you left her, is dead and buried."
My heart shrunk within me. My
whole frame was in a tremor and
when he came to tell me how good
the Lord had been to her soul and
how happy she died, I felt somewhat
calmer when we parted. I felt a
great anxiety to go to Mr. Pomeroy's. ---
When I came to Mr. Pomeroy's I found
them so much composed as to be able

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to sit up with the dying to make them as comfortable as possible, to provide companionship. Everyone had witnessed the agony of death and the relief brought by death. They attached great significance to the "last words". If the last words described heavenly things it was assumed that the departed had gone to heaven. In her last moments Maria sang hymns of praise and thanksgiving to the Lord. The parents found comfort in the belief that this was evidence that she went to heaven. The evangelists active in the community used her death as an example. These people, quite helpless, found great comfort in their religious faith. We of the 20th Century who have rarely witnessed death find it difficult to understand them, their lives, their fears and their faith. To understand them is difficult. To ridicule them stupid.

At this time of emotional stress John lacked the usual support of a family. He was moderately alienated from his father. At the time of her death he had gone to his father's farm to help with the haying. This was a duty he owed his father. He had loaned his father money and was dissatisfied with his father's settlement. He had been a successful itinerant school teacher ever since he was 15 years old and was emancipated. His stepmother was preoccupied with a young family of six boys and one girl. His own mother had died when he was eight years old. Elder Holmes was a relative on his stepmother's side. He had turned to him at this time and came under the influence of his evangelism.

This lead to his conversion, baptism and the decision to enter the ministry.

Tuesday 14 - Got up at an early hour and went to Maria's grave, ---.

Wednesday 15 - Slept pretty sound until the cock crowed and when I looked out and saw how pleasant all nature appeared I arose dressed and went down. All nature seemed lulled to rest. No noise was heard but the sound of the running brook, murmuring and praising to God what the shrill cock was loudly sounding forth his praise. How could it be that all nature, all creation except man, was praising God. I went to Maria's grave and prayed, ---.

Friday 17 - After tea put turfs over the grave of Maria. --- After dark went to the home of Francis Miller. All the family being in the kitchen we began to converse on religion and I manifested my desire to try to serve the Lord. We all kneeled and Mrs. Miller began praying. Soon Francis and his sister, Abigail, began to pray for mercy, at length they began to shout for joy and they made such a noise that I began to doubt and fear, ---.

Editorial comment: On this and on several other occasions he expressed disapproval of shouting, rolling on the floor and other displays of ecstasy engaged in by some Christians. However, as a mature man, he accepted the Baptist view that each congregation was free to worship in any manner it pleased. He then could accept the noisy and very emotional worship of the Black Slaves at Fortress Monroe during the Civil War.

Sunday 19 - Arose soon after daybreak and went to Maria's grave for prayer and meditation. --- Went to meeting at Wilcock's, ---.

This afternoon had a conference with Rev. Holmes.

Monday 27 - This morning took a view of the eclipse of the sun. How wonderful the works of God.

Thursday 30 - This evening very weak in my body with considerable pain in my breast. Friday and Saturday very weak in my breast.

Sunday, August 9 - This day I felt I had a call to the ministry.

Sunday, October 7 - Was baptized in the river at Sangerfield and joined the Baptist church there November 2, 1821. Water was let into the canal as far as Little Falls and Utica.

Editorial comment: The portion of his diary extending from July 21, 1821 to November 4, 1822, three months, extends from the death of Maria to the time he returned to his school teaching. In this period he was converted, baptized and joined the Baptist church. As he contemplated the ministry it finally became clear to him that he would need to farm or have some other source of income because the church did not pay a salary. He could not pursue the profession of itinerant school master while preaching. He would need to farm if he was to support a wife and family as he preached. He did not want to farm. He had seen the difficulty of his father who tried to support his family of seven small children and rented farms. There was nothing attractive about farming. But teaching school was not adequate. For the present he had to return to his schools.

> November 2, 1821 - If duty should call me into any other employment, may I live in the fear of the Lord and my thoughts, words and actions be to the glory of God.
>
> April 17, 1822 - Finished my school in Danube 22 Sunday.

Editorial comment: In this portion of the diary we have omitted much in his struggle with concepts of God, death, the hereafter, prayer and faith. There is much repetition. His early life under his Dutch mother and her family instilled tolerance in his character. At 15 years he began his career as itinerant school master in which he enjoyed social popularity and was emancipated from his father's influence. Now

under the intense messages of New England evangelists he is converted, baptized and joins the Baptist church. This represents a tremendous change for him. He remained a good Baptist the rest of his life, an ardent supporter of independent congregational government.

1823

Things brought to German Flatts, 1 hat, 1 sc,
2 SC, 2 pr trousers, 2 pr shirts, 1 pb, 1 ps,
2 vests, 4 night clothes, 4 underclothes, 2 pcoket
handkerchiefs, 4 pair of stockings, i pr mitt ns and
gloves, and six books

Feb. 17, 1823 Have formed several plans
of life. Now begins the study of Anatomy
in order to be a physician.

March 17th Got through with them loans.

" 26 Began to attend a school taught by
C. D. Wightman for to instruct in
the art of cutting mens garments upon
mathematickal principles or
what is more commonly called
the square rulle or rule of eights.

April 4, Last day of school
What melancholy sieze me now for
every hour brings me nearer to the
time when I must rise or sink forever.

i st. May - Returned to my father's, let him have
money and took his note for the amount $37.41

1823

10 May - Began study with Doctor Benjamin G. Ellis for 6 months at $30.00 for board, washing and tuition. $10. paid in watch, $4.00 in labor, and $16.00 in money next fall.. The doctor to instruct in the best and most approved authors.

Began B.U's Anatomy.

O, That God would give his grace to keep me fro sin and enable me to make good proficiency in my studies and bless me with health if for His honor and Glory ---

Began painting the Doctors draws

July 14, Painted and pencilling Jonathon Paines wagon.

To make green - take P.A. Crown yellow and white lead, with a little lamp black & Prussian blue.

July 19 - Got through the two first vols. of Bells Anatomy.

23 Took the school in Danube for 2 quarters.

Aug. 30 - Left Dr. Ellis for Sangerfield having boraded with him 16 weeks.

1823 Sept 10 - Began school at Danube. (Newville)
for six months (2 quarters) at $1.00
per schollar. Went to Mr. Levi's with
my mother last week.
1824 Jan. 1 - Waited upon C.L. at my father's
Mar. 13 - Closed my school at Newville (Danube)
29 - Began board with Dr. Ellis.
July 10, Boarded with him 15 weeks Went
home to my father's staid one week
17 Sat. returned to the Dr's board one week -
(16th week)
31 Sat. Went home to my father's and worked
at haying for him 3 weeks & 3 days.
Aug. 23 - Ebenezer Mayo, my step mother's uncle
and wife came from Moretown, Vt. on a visit
to her and her relations
28 - Began boarding with /Dr. Ellis
This summer spent much of my time and
some money in assistant and taking part in an ex-
hibition - exhibited on the 5th of July
Will never again spend my time and money so again

1824 - This summer been reading Dr/ Cullens
First Linesof the Practice of Physic with
Notes by Jonathon Rotherman. Last
Winter read Magendies Physiology.
1824, Oct. 9 - Sat. settled up with Dr. Benjamin
G. Ellis and found I had spent
18 weeks with him. Gave him
my note for $13.64 with interest tille paid.
(Paid March 25, 1825
I have now renounced the study of Physic!!!
How changeable is the mind of man.
Or how weak and wavering is man?
One week pursu9ng the study of a profession
The next laying plans and making bargins
for setting up a distillery.

1823 Aug. 4

Finnished lettering and painting dr's draws

List of names,-

Nutgalls	Digitalis	Borax
Sal Nitre	G. Opii	Gum Kino
Cret. Tart.	Sapo	Gm. Manna
Gum Arabic	Rad Rhei	Sem. Anise
Rad. Glycy.	Chris Tart.	Gum Quiacum
Gambogia	Curcuma	Angestura
Gum Resin	Fix Bergund	Rad Gentian
Dolichi	Hiera Picra	Cort Mint.
Catechu	Rad. Serp.	Bacc. Junip.
Rad. Valerian	Rad. Senika	Rad. Galingas
Soc. Aloes	Mar, Arund.	Cort. Aurant
Liq. Quassia.	M. Sulph	Mag. Alb.
Rad. Diantl.	Tot. Senna.	Salts. Glaub
Cream Tartar.	Pulv. Rhei	

1824, Oct. 9 - Sat. Evening 10 oclock
What will my friends say, what will
every one think, what will become of me.
(because o f his leaving medicine)
Oct. 30. Went to Mr. Lewis' Cherry Vt.
Nov. 7, Arrived with my father to his house
he had come down to bring me and my things home.
Left Dr. Ellis, expect not to study with him
any more. District school fell through.
1825, April 21 - Began my studies again
with Doctor Ellis. The winter past
taught school in Brookfield. 4½ months
at $11.50
25 Sept. Went to Cherry Valley
Dissolved Connection with C--- L---
3 Oct. Settled with Dr. Ellis
Gave my note $7.00 having read 20 weeks.
6 oct. R. W. to be married to A. R.

1826, April 10. Shorthad

14 Aug. Returned from haying for my father.

18 Sept. Settled with Dr. Ellis found due him $2.58

Oct. 2 Had a coat, vest, pantaloons, pair of shoes hat of fathers. Labored to pay board. Returned to Dr. Ellis.

Oct. 3. Dr. Ellis went with me to Fairfield. Found it was too soon. Lectures on anatomy not starting till the 30th. Returned. Started boarding. Reading Mistars Anatomy.

Dec. 5. Left the doctor's went to teach school at Southville (Danube.) for a quater at $100 per schollar. Formed an anquaintance with Dr. Patrick McCraith.

1827, 1 Jan. Began the N.M. at Doctor Ellis' - on a visit to get my clothes

April 21 finished my school . Settled with Doctor Ellis and gave my note for $9.00

20th, went to my fathers, found due me $7.59, very dissatisfied with the settlement. Spent this summer in Soutville, Danube, teaching school. Studied with Doctor McCraith

88 list of drugs

Dianth	Unguent Cerule
Cathartic pills	Paregoric
Box of Unguentum	Opeii
Dianth and senna.	Sulph Magnesia
Rheii	

1827, 28 Aug. Leave Soutville
for Sangerfield
29 Stopped at Dr. Ellis' bought
3½ yds Sup. blue cloth at 28/
for suit of clothes due Febr 29 1827
S. Heath makes them at $5.50
on Doctor Ellis's account.
Made my coat only at $4.00
Sept. 25 - Gave my note to Doctor Ellis for
$4.00 for the coat. Dr. Ellis came with me to the
College at Fairfield. This day began
boarding myself, expect to stay here and
attend a full course of lectures.
May I be blessed.
1828 Jan. 15 - Left college having finished a
course of lectures and got my diploma.
Continued with Dr. Ellis till
19 Jan. when I commenced a school at
Minden for three months at $12.00
6 May, Boonville Commenced the practice
of Physic and Surgery
Board with Jno. Kingsbury.

18 Sun. Attended the first Obstetric case
a Miss Belknap of the town of Turrin - North.
4 June - She died of inflammation of lungs
being the first patient lost.
5 Aug. Lost a boy Horra Woodworth. 8 yrs.
1829 June 17, Attended the First Baptist Association
at New Lisbon.
18 & 19 Formed an acquaintance with Laura
Birdsall of Huntsville. We agreed to
correspond by letter.
29. Oct. 1829 Married to Laura Birdsall
by Elder David B. Crane.
And moved her to Boonville soon after
1830 - May 11 Moved to Huntsville to live with
my father in Law.
20 Sept. My wife was delivered of a boy.
Mother named him William Oscar.

1831 March 25 - Moved to Colesville
Broome County, N.Y.
19 April - Had my first call of importance.
6, July 1835 - Our son Henry Demarest Born
31 January 1840 - Died of Scarlet fever.
1840 Dec. 25 - Our son Henry Birdsall Bancroft
born - Died Sept 16, 1843 2 yrs, 8 months, 2 days.
In Jan 1837 Went to Perrysburgh, Ohio to
Elder J. Oscar Birdsall's
1837 in March purchased property in York,
Michigan as saw mill, House, Lot and 80 acres
of timber in partnership with Elder J.O.
Birdsall.
March 16, commenced board with A,R, Wheeler
of York. In June returned from Ohio to Otego.
In August moved to Harpursville.
1843, 16 Sept - Our son Henry Birdsall Died
27, Nov. Edward Demarest Bancroft born
1847, 30 Nov. " " " died.
1845, Jan 1. Moved from Harpursville to Otego
Otsefo Co. N.Y.

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1852, 1 April - Moved from Coventry, to Chenango Co. to Harpursville.

1848 June from Otego to South Bainbridge now Afton. Chenango Co. N.Y. 1849, 26, Sept Mary Caty Born.

1850m April 24 (24) Father Birdsall died was buried in Otego.

1851 June 6, Mother Birdsall died

1850 Oct. 7 Bought the Benedict farm and moved on to it

1852 Aptil 1, Bought the Badger farm and moved to Harpursville.

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May 6 , Tues. Commenced the practice of physic and surgery.
Board with Jon Kingsbury at one dollar a week.
Also horse keep.

May 9 , Fri. Thomas Fields dr to venesection $ .25
J. Kingsbury dr to Epsom Salts .12½
one box of unguent .06
Stanton Fanning dr to 3/4 days work
He hired out to make a little money.50

May 10, Sat. Jonathan Kingsbury dr to ½ day work in garden .25
Sephrena Wood cr by bringing trunks 3 from R .25

May 12, Mon. Horace Barnerd dr to bleeding $ .25 paid
Stanton Fanning cr by ½ bu oats .12½
Jonathan Kingsbury dr to .18 3/4

May 13, Tues. Batiah Hartson cr by keeping horse one night $ .12½
Jonathan Kingsbury cr by 8 bu of potatoes 1.00
Stanton Fanning dr to one days work .75

May 14, Wed. Stanton Fanning dr to 1/2 days work .37½

May 16, Fri. Stanton Fanning dr to venesection for sister .25

May 18, Sun. Attended the first obstetric case, a Miss Belknap in Turin.
Ephraim Belknap dr to v & attend $ 3.00
David Harris dr to venesection of self & wife .37½

May 19, Mon. Thomas Place cr by putting toe piece on boot .06

May 20, Tues. Settled with Stanton Fanning and found due me for work done on house $2.00

May 21, Wed. Arial Hartson cr by commence of horse pasture

May 22, Thur. Jon Kingsbury cr by articles from Utica $1.00

May 23, Fri. Stanton Fanning Cr by cash $1.00 dr to m .35
Jon Kingsbury Cr by cash 1.00

May 24, Sat. Jabes Peas dr to dressing boys hand 3 times .37½

May 26, Mon. Jabes Peas dr to dressing sons hand .12½
Josiah Dewey dr to venesection .12½
Ephraim Belknap dr to v & m 1.00
Ebenezer Fox dr to extract tooth .13½
Cloah Lyon dr to venesection .18

May 27, Tues.	Ephriam Belknap dr to v & m	$1.00
	Soloman Bates dr to 6 doses of strammonium	
May 28, Wed.	D. Clement dr to half days painting	$ .37½
	Ephraim Belknap dr to v & m	.75
	Gillete Elder dr to extra ct tooth	.12½
May 29, Thur.	Jabes Peas dr to dressing boys hand	.12½
	W. B. Clement dr to ½ days work	.37½
	Cr. by setting shoes & making one	.68½
	Ephraim Belknap dr to v & m	.75
	Morgan Cr by One Observor Comment	
May 30, Fri.	Ephraim Belknap dr to v & m	$ .75
	Toll gate paid	.12½
	William B. Clement dr to ½ days work by self	.37½
May 31, Sat.	Ephraim Belknap dr to v, m, & venesection	$ .87½

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June 2, Mon. Ephraim Belknap dr to v & m .88
Jon Kingsbury dr to work on house
1/2 day furrowing .13

June 3, Tues. Ephraim Belknap dr to v & m .75
Josiah Woodworth dr to extract tooth
for hired girl .13
Haines dr to v from Gillitts to Fields but
found him dead $1.00
Balnap d.

June 4, Wed. She died of inflammation of the lungs being the
first patient lost. (three weeks after delivery)
Josiah Woodworth Jr. dr to v, venesection, blister,
catheterize man $ .50
Bronson Kenyon dr to c & cathartic for child .25
Widow Fanning dr to v & m for nephew .75
Thomas Place Cr by tapping shoes
Solomon Bates dr of strammonium .25

June 5, Thur. Widow Fanning dr to v & m to nephew .62½
Abner Wood dr to venesection of wife .13
Josiah Woodworth dr to v & m to H. Man .38

June 7, Sat. Edmond Fanning dr to venesection $ .18
Widow Fanning dr to v to child .75

June 8, Sun. J. Calvin Nimms dr to v, venesection,
episp. Ant. Sol. .50

June 9, Mon. Richard Crego dr to v, setting fractured clavicle 2.00
Calvin Nimms dr to v, venesection & powders .50
Issiah Woodworth Cr by sole leather for pumps .63½

June 10, Tues. Ruben Putman dr to v, all night and m. 1.00
Widow Fanning v & dressing childs tissues .75
Joseph Peacock dr to v, venesection, m for mother .75
Putman dr to v all night 1.25
William Aucutt Jr. dr to pink .12½

June 11, Wed. Richard Crego dr to v & dress arm, all night $1.00
Ed Lawrence dr to venesection .12½
Samuel Sampson dr to emet & cut out wart .75
Putman dr to v to wife 1.00
Ed Lawrence dr to venesection of wife .18
Widow Lawrence dr to venesection .12½
Joseph Peacock dr to v to mother .75
Calvin Nimms dr to v to P. Barnes venesection & m .62½

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June 12, Thur.	Richard T. T. Hough dr to 1 bottle of Oppod	.25	
June 15, Sun.	Joseph Peacock dr to v & m for mother	.70	
	Joseph Peacock dr to cathartic for sister Ann	.13	
	James Titus dr to v, venesection, blister, cathartic	.50	
	William Aucutt dr to the pulvules Rheii & C tart.	.13	
	Richard Crego dr to v to son	1.00	
	John Yarwood, dr to pink and senn	.18	
June 18, Mon.	Joseph Peacock dr to mother and niece, venesection & sweats powder etc.	.88	
	Calvin Nimms dr to v & m t P.B.	.50	
	Lester Ketcham dr to v, venesection & episp	.38	
June 17, Tues.	Winthrop Felshaw dr to venesection for wife	.13	pai
	James Woodworth dr to cut off wart	.25	pai
	Charles Peas dr to venesection	.13	pai
	Joseph Peacock dr to v & m for Ann	.63	
	Joseph Peacock dr to m for mother	.13	
	Wm. Lanning dr to v to child	.75	
June 18, Wed.	Calvin Nimms dr to v & m to Perm	.50	
June 19, Thur.	John C. Nimms dr to v & m to Perm	.50	
	Tho Place dr to venesection	.13	
	Cr. by repair of saddle bags	.13	
	Josiah Woodworth dr to Sol & Ung & counsel for child	.25	
	Joseph Peacock dr to v & m for Ann	.37½	
	Joseph Peacock dr to counsel & paregoric for mother	.18	
	Arial Hartson dr to 4 Websters	.60	
June 20, Fri.	Settled with Fanning.		
	Wm B. Clemens dr to doing writing	.13	
	Tho. Place dr to 1 bottle of Steer's Oppo	.25	
	Arial Hartson dr to 1 bottle of oppodildock	.25	
June 21, Sat.	Joseph Peacock dr to emetic for mother	.13	
	Joseph Peacock dr to v, venesection, m for Ann	.50	
	John Nimms dr to v & m for P	.50	
	Levi Tiffany dr to dianth and senna	.13	
June 22, Sun.	Joseph Peacock dr to v & m for Ann	.50	
	Richard Crego dr to v to sons	1.00	
June 23, Mon.	Lemuel Wood dr to venesection & one bottle of oppodildock	.38	pai
	Winthrop Felshaw dr to extract tooth & 1 bottle of oppodildock	.38	pai
	John Kingsbury dr to one day painting house	.75	
	A & Ab Blair Cr by $1.06 bill for medicine.		

June 24, Tues.	James White dr to v & m to child at D. Wadsworth	.50
	Joseph Peacock dr to Cinchona P for mother	.13
	Joseph Peacock dr to v & m for Ann	.50
	John C. Nimms dr to v & m	.50
June 26, Thur.	Arial Hartson dr to .25 cash. Worked on the road a ½ day.	
	Joseph Peacock dr to v & m for Ann	.50
June 27, Fri.	Joseph Peacock dr to v & counsel to mother at Barnards	.25
	David Watsworth dr to cathartic, liquor v & antimony	.30
	James White dr to v & issues on Susan	.50
June 28, Sat.	Ann Peacock dr to v & m	.50
	James White dr to v & m	.50
June 29, Sun.	Frances Fox dr to extract tooth for wife	.13
	John Smith dr to c & powders to C. Charles Morgans child	.25
	John Kingsbury Cr by cash	.50
June 30, Mon.	Zephaneiah Wood dr to E. Salts 1 bottle of oppodildock	.18
	David Watsworth dr to v, venesection to child	.50
	Ann Peacock dr to v & m	.50
	Salmon Bates dr to v & dressing a foot	.50
	David Watsworth dr to c & m	.25
	James White dr to c for child at DW	.25

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July 1,	Josiah Dewey dr to v, all night	1.00 paid		
	David Watsworth dr to v & m child, venesection & m for wife	.50		
	Ann Peacock dr to v, venesection & m	.50		
July 2,	David Watsworth dr to v, venesection, m		.50	
	James White dr to attend on child		.12½	
	Ann Peacock dr to v & m		.25	
July 3,	Edmund Lanning dr to La Sulp. et camm. S. Stam			.25
	David Watsworth dr to v & m for wife & child			.50
July 4,	John C. Nimms dr to v, venesection & powder			.50
	David Watsworth dr to c & m for wife & child			.25
	David Watsworth dr to c & m for wife & child			.25
	Ann Peacock dr to v & m			.50
	Almon Bales dr to v & dress amputated leg			
July 5,	Miss Barnard dr to emetic and liquor for mother			.18
	David Watsworth dr to v & m			.50
July 6,	Ann Peacock dr to v			.13
	David Watsworth dr to c & m			.25
	David Watsworth dr to c & m			.25
	Cornelius Henderson dr to extract tooth			.18
July 7,	David Harris dr to vial oppodildock			.25
	Joseph Peacock dr to v for girl			.50
	Cr .12½ to bleed horse			
	David Watsworth dr to v & m			.50
	Cornelius Henderson (June 15) venesection and med. at office			.50
	James Titus Cr by for mending			.12½
July 8,	Norman Perkins dr to assistance at operation on child			.50
	David Watsworth dr to v & m			.50
July 9,	David Watsworth dr to v & m			.50
	Mariah Bliss dr to v, venesection & m at Deweys			.75
July 10,	Ann Peacock dr to venesection		.13	
	Horace B. Barnard dr to venesection		.18	
	Salmon Bales dr to paregoric		.06	
	Ann Peacock dr to Ant. Salut		.13	
	David Watsworth dr to v & m		.37½	
July 11,	David Watsworth dr to v, venesection & m		.56	
July 12,	R. Putnam dr to v & attend		3.00	
	David Watsworth dr to c		.25	
	Jacob Cluts dr to c & m for child		.25	

July 13,	Jacob Clute dr to c	.25	
	David Watsworth dr to c & m	.25	
	David Watsworth dr to c & m	.25	
	Orzilla Kipp dr to venesection & cathartic	.25	
	R. Putnam dr to c salts & paregoric	.13	
	Cornelius Henderson dr to venesection and m	.25	
	David Jemerson dr to castor oil at S. Bates	.13	
	S. Bates dr to extract tooth	.18	
July 14,	Henry Perry dr to v, venesection & m	1.00	paid
	Henry Perry c and cathartic	.25	
	William B. Clement Cr by setting shoes on horse.		
July 15,	Horace Barnard dr to c & m	.25	
	David Watsworth c & anson	.26	
July 16,	John Adam dr to venesection and Plum. A.	.18	
	John C. Nimms Cr by days work of self and part of afternoon of father		
	Levi Tiffany Cr by part of afternoon work of son		
	David Watsworth v, venesection and m	.50	
	M. D.. Gillil dr to painting & lettering	2.50	
July 17,	Calvin Nimms Cr by one day work at hoeing		
	Levi Tiffany dr to v, venesection m for child	.50	
	David Watsworth dr to v & m	.50	
July 18,	A. Hattson Cr. by commence of keeping High tone (horse)		
	Norman Perkins dr to assisting at operation	.50	
	Thomas Place Cr by setting toe points	.06	
July 19,	D. Watsworth dr to c	.25	
	Wm. Fanning dr to v & m for child	.75	
	Hiram Lane dr to venesection & episp	.50	
	Both horses absent from pasture 24 hours and star 24 more		
July 21,	Levi Tiffany dr to v & venesection for self	.13	
	and m for child	.37	
	Branson Kenyon dr to venesection for wife	.18	
	David Watsworth dr to v & m	.50	
	John J. Adams dr to Ac. Plumb	.06	
July 22,	Shaft dr to paregoric	.06	
	David Watsworth dr to emetic	.13	
	S. Bates dr to Emp. Adhesive	.13	
	John Kingsbury dr to paregoric for mother	.06	
	Luke Harger dr to venesection and L.. sulph for son	.18	Cr. 12½
	Henry G. Bell dr to venesection of wife	.18	Paid
	John Kingsbury dr to venesection & m for wife	.25	

July 23,	William B. Clement dr to venesection & E Salts	.25
	Wd. Fanning dr to v & issue and m	.75
	Cornelius Shaft dr to Camp and ceve. ursi.	.25
July 24,	D. Watsworth dr to v, venesection & m	.50
	Abner Wood dr to v, venesection for daughter	.50
	John Kingsbury dr to venesection & m for wife	.25
	Erwin dr to venesection for wife	.13 paid
	Henry G. Bell dr to camphora	.06
July 25,	A Hartson Cr for 2 weeks horse pasture this day he is to have but .18 per week for the remaining (ensueing) time.	
	Enoch Wright dr to v, venesection and salts	.37
July 26,	Abner Wood dr to v, venesection & m	.50
	David Watsworth dr to v, venesection, emetic & m	.50
	Ann Peacock dr to venesection at D. W.	.18
	D. Harris dr to venesection of wife	.18
	Swapped horses with Leonard Wood.	
July 27,	Norman Perkins dr to dressing childs lip	.25
	D. Watsworth dr to v & m	.50
	Stephen Hunt dr to v, venesection, m for wife	.38
July 29,	D. Watsworth dr to v & m	.50
July 30,	D. Watsworth dr to v & m	.25
	D. Watsworth dr to v & m	.25
	Luke Harger dr to v, venesection, m	.75
	John Kingsbury dr to m for child	.20
	Wm B. Clement Cr by shoe horse & finding three shoes.	
July 31,	D. Watsworth dr to v	.38

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Aug 1, A. Hartson Cr by 400 lbs of hay at $5.00 per ton

Aug 2, D. Walsworth dr to v & m .50
Hosea Woodworth dr to v & m for child .75
c & m .13

Aug 3, D. Walsworth dr to c .13
John Kingsbury dr to m for A, K, child .25
Davis Dewey dr to v, m for child 1.00 paid

Aug 4, C. Hendrickson dr to venesection .18 paid .50
D. Walsworth dr to v & m, as empt. Spr. p. .50

Aug 5, Lost a boy, Horra Woodworth
D. Walsworth dr to v & m .37½
Hora Woodworth dr to v all night & m 1.00

Aug 6, D. Walsworth dr to c .25
A. Hartson dr to venesection and cathartic .25
Hiram Lane dr to v at Fannings
campho, Ipecac and Episp .44

Aug 7, D. Walsworth dr to v .25
C. Shaft Seign dr to v & m
venesection of 3 .88
A. Hartson dr to epsom Salts .13

Aug 8, Levi Tiffany dr to Epsom Salts .13
Abner Wood dr to v, venesection, m for wife .63
John Kingsbury dr to opening abscess on wife .25
Crf. by Salt

Aug 9, Settled with William B. Clements balanced accounts
David Harris dr to v & m for wife .37½
D. Walsworth dr to c .25
Cornelius Shaft E. dr by La uva ursis .13
Salmon Bales dr to v and extract tooth .25
Levi Tiffany dr to visit from Bates & m 1.00

Aug 10, Fred Fox dr to venesection .18
Mariah Bliss dr to v & m at Dueys .75
Ervin dr to c & m for girl .37½

Aug 11, Levi Tiffany dr to call
James Titus dr to Ep. and Salts .13
C. Hendrickson v, all night, venesection,
emetic, cathartic & Cream of tartar 1.00

Aug 12, Babcock dr to extract tooth at Hendricksons .18
C. Henderson v & m .62½
N. Cornelius Shaft Seign dr to Uva U, Mag. & opi .25
Foster Catcham dr to castor oil .06
C. Hendrickson dr to v & m to self & daughter.13

Aug 13,	John C. Nimms dr to tincture of digitalis	.13
	David Walsworth dr to v, Cinchona, Quass Anod pr.	.50
	David Harris dr to c & m for wife	.25
	Oren Hall dr to dress head at Perkins	.50
Aug 14,	Edward Lawrence dr to v & m	.75
	Mrs. Cor Shaft sr. dr to v, m, venesection	.75
	D. Walsworth dr to c & m	.25
Aug 15,	Derius Hunt dr to v, m for child	.75
	J. Woodworth esq dr to v & m for child	.37½
	Gillet seig c & m	.13
	paid at gate .12½	
	A. Hartson Cr 5¢	
Aug 16,	Derius Hunt dr to v & m for child	.75
	Edmund Fanning dr to 2 emetics	.25
	Widow Fanning dr to epsom salts & paregoric	.25
	Norma Perkins dr to v, venesection & cathartic	.50
Aug 17,	John Powell dr to v & m for child	.75
	Josiah Woodworth dr to v & m for child	.88
Aug 18,	Paul C. Snyder dr to v to wife & child	.50
	1 vial & oil. 3 pls, 6 pd, & sol	.38
	Truman Culver dr to Sal. Epsom	.13
	John C. Nimms dr to 6 pds, 6 pd, castor oil	.25
	John Kingsbury dr to 10 pd. for child & cr.	
	pss salt. 1 box of vinton (vinbon)	
Aug 19,	D. Walsworth dr to cinchona & valer	.13
Aug 20,	Sephaviah Wood dr to 8 powders	.25
	Cr. by 17 lbs cheese $1.15	
	John Kingsbury dr to ½ day work. Bough the cheese $1.15	
	Cr. by one load of wheat, straw, & grass, D. Walsworth	
Aug 21,	Fred Fox dr to v & m	.88
	Josiah Woodworth Esq. dr to 8 powders	.13
Aug 22,	James Woodworth dr to v, m all night	.75
	Paul C. Snyder dr to v & m to Miss Vua	.75
	Hiram Sam dr to Castor Oil	.13
	Hartson Cr by one load ofhay	
	Kingsbury Cr by cash	.50
Aug 23,	A. Hartson Cr by 1 load of hay	$1.00
Aug 24,	Marmaduke Coil dr to v, venesection, m	1.00
	William Huccut dr to v & m for child	1.00
	James Woodworth dr to c	.25
	Richard Crego dr to venesection & m	.25
	John C. Nimms dr to Mag. Sulfate	.13

Aug 26,	Sally Fowler dr to extract tooth	.25 paid
	M. Coil dr to v & m	.75
	D. Walsworth Cr. by 2 bu of oats	.50
	J. C. Nimms dr to v & m	.50
	J. Kingsbury dr to part of a day work in hay	.25
Aug 27,	Stranger dr to camphor	.13 paid
Aug 28,	J. C. Nimms dr to v, pills, senna, rhub, camphore, acacia cinnamin	.50
	A & A B Blaine Dr by sulfate of quinine	1.00
Aug 29,	Coil dr to v & m	1.00
	J. C. Nimms dr to v, venesection, m	.50
Aug 30,	Coil dr to v & m	1.00
	J. C. Nimms dr to c to wife at Harris	.13
	John Yule dr to v & m	.75
	Enoch Wright dr to v, attend, M for 2 days	3.00
	John Kingsbury dr to v & m	.75
Aug 31,	Marmaduke Coil dr to v & m	.75
	John Kingsbury dr to cat. alb. cinnam.	.13

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Oct 4,	Cranson Kenyon dr to v 1/	
	Sulf quinine 4/ emetic & cathartic 2/	$ .85
	John F. Carr dr to v & m for mother	.50
Oct 5,	John Carr dr to v & m for mother	.50
	C. Hendrickson dr to c & bitters & B oppodil.	.38
	Capt Kingsbury dr to c & m	.25
	opened abscess	
Oct 6,	John F. Carr dr to visit all night to mother	.50
	Cr. by book 1.00	
Oct 7,	Cornelius Shaft dr to Epsom Salts	.13
	Foster Ketcham dr to cathartic & 2 Empl. Feri.	.25
Oct 9,	John F. Carr dr to v, venesection, m for mother	.50
	Capt Kingsbury dr to 50¢ lent his wife	
Oct 10,	Young Evans dr to Emp. & cathartic & powder	.25
	J. C. Nimms Cr by bushel basket	
Oct 13,	Horace Woodworth Cr by shoeing horse & finding one shoe/	
	F. Ketcham Cr by 1 days work digging potatoes	
	John F. Nimms Cr by 1 day digging potatoes	
Oct 20,	C. Hendrickson dr to c & cathartic 1/	
	Alterative powder 2/	.37½
Oct 24,	Stanton Fanning Cr by $3.00 paid by A. Wood	
	Luke Harger Cr by cash 1.50	
	Went to Utica and bought a new hat $4.00	
	Mending wagon 88¢	
	A Hartson dr to about 20 bushels of potatoes in the heap at	
	1/6 per bushel which he is to risk $3.60	
Oct 28,	Capt Kingsbury dr to 1 oz vial of S. oil for father	.13
Oct 29,	Abner Wood dr to 12 dovers powders	.25
	Horace B. Barnard dr to v. 2/ extr tooth 1/	.37½
	Thomas Place dr to 1 bottle of oppodildoc	.25
	Capt Kingsbury dr to Young Hyson at 9/	.28
Oct 30,	Capt Kingsbury dr to one days work moving potatoes and	
	going after fanning mill. etc.	.75

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Nov 2,	Josiah Woodworth dr to v & m for daughter	$ .75
	Edward Fanning dr to emetic	.13
Nov 3,	Josiah Woodworth dr to v & m, emetic, oil 6 pd, Episp.	.88
	Mrs. Fowler dr to c & m	.25
	Thomas Place Cr by mending boots and shoes	.18½
Nov 4,	Josiah Woodworth dr to v & m for daughter	.88
Nov 5,	Josiah Woodworth dr to v & m for daughter	.88
Nov 6,	Josiah Woodworth dr to v & m for daughter, all day	.88
Nov 7,	Josiah Woodworth dr to v & m for daughter	.88
Nov 8,	Josiah Woodworth v & m for daughter	.88
	emetic for her sister	.12½
Nov 9,	Josiah Woodworth v & m	.44
	Josiah Woodworth v & m	.44
Nov 10,	Josiah Woodworth dr to v & m for daughter	.50
	Paid 6/8 to Morgan for papers of which	
	John Kingsbury dr .42 Cr. by ½ bu of buckwheat	
Nov 11,	Josiah Woodworth dr to Paregoric	.06
	C. H. Hendrickson dr to box of Lee's Pills	.37½
Nov 14,	Hiram Lander to extract two teeth from wife	.25
	John C. Nimms Cr by 6 yards of Col. shirting	
	dr to ½ doz Lee's Pills	.12½
	Capt Kingsbury dr to Opsdildoc & laudenum &	
	dressing mothers foot	.12½
Nov 15,	Richerson T Huff dr to venesection at Elder B's	.18
	Zeph Woody dr to emetic for daughter	.13
	Capt J. Kingsbury dr to about 1 days work at	
	getting in wood at different times	.75
	Cr. by 2 bu buckwheat	
Nov 17,	Woodworth Cr by setting Kings horse shoes	
	Capt Kingsbury dr to shorn h by Woodworth	.62½
	6 yds of Co skirting	.12½
	Edwin Lawrence dr to extract tooth from wife	.18
Nov 18,	Thomas Place dr to venesection and cathartic for wife	.25
	James Titus dr to c & m	.25

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Dec 2,	John C. Nimms dr to 1 bottle oppodildoc		.25
	Wm Awcutt Jr dr to c, venesection & cathartic		.25
	D. Walsworth dr to 3 days shingling & putting siding on shed		
Dec 6,	Abm Wood Sr. by $2.00 cash paid Fanning		
	Stanton Fanning Cr by $3.00. $2.00 from Wood and $1.00		
Dec 10,	James Fanning dr to vial of castor oil		.12½
Dec 12,	Stanton Fanning dr to v & m		.75
Dec 14,	Stanton Fanning dr to c & ointment		.18
	A. Wood dr to v & m for wife		.25
	Zeph Wood dr to tinct digitalis & v		.50
Dec 23,	William Awcutt dr to v & m for wife when in labor at night born		1.00
Dec 25,	Enoch Wright dr to 1 bottle of opodildock		.25
Dec 26,	F. Ketcham dr to v & m episp		.37½
Dec 30,	Tracy dr to visit in night	.50	
	Uva ursii	.12½	
	Paregoric	.06	
	Calv (riet)	.12½	
	Samuel Manchester Cr by shoeing horse		.50
	Ketcham dr to v & m		.25
	Cornelius Shaft Cr by boards 54.5 feet		2.73
	Stanton Fanning dr to v to wife in night		2/
	venesection	1/	
	cathartic	1/	
	Med	.50	
Dec 31,	Stanton Fanning dr to v & m		.25
	Z Wood dr to 2 visits	4/	
	venesection	1/	
	cathartic	1/	
	canis	1/	.88
	Tinct digitalis		.12½
	Fanning dr to c & 6 powders		.25
	Elder Burdick dr to Lee's Pills		.25

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Jan. 1,	L. Wood dr to v & m in morning	.50
	S. Fanning dr to c, m, venesection	.25
	S. Fanning dr to m	.25
	L. Wood dr to v & m, all night	.50
	Ephriam Belknap dr to c & 2 emetics	.25
	William Fowler dr to 1 bottle opodildock	.25
Jan. 2,	Thomas Field dr to opening fellon and salve	.12½
Jan. 3,	S. Fanning c & advice	.25
	L. Wood dr to v & counsel	.37½
Jan. 5,	S. Fanning Cr. by use of cutter to Rome	
Jan. 6,	L. Wood dr to v, 2 venesections & m, cathartic	.50
	Cr. by 5 lbs of butter @ .15	
	Zeph. Wood dr to v, cathartic & Dovers	.37½
Jan. 7,	L. Wood dr to v	.25
	L. Wood dr to v	.25
	Captain J. Kingsbury dr to cash lent him	1.35
Jan. 8,	Zeph Wood dr to v	.25
	E. Wright dr to castor oil	.18½
	Thomas Fields dr to an almanac	.06
	D. Harris dr to 1 almanac	.06
Jan. 9,	E. Wright dr to v & m for child for M	.37½
Jan. 10,	E. Wright dr to c & m for child	.25
Jan. 12,	E. Wright dr to valeriam	.12½
	John C. Nimms Cr 1 pig	1.75
	1 bu of wheat 28½ cents deducted, wheat not full measure, oats total Cr. $3.00	
	Captain Kingsbury dr to one pig 58 lbs at 3¢	1.75
Jan. 14,	Levi Tiffani Cr by 1 bu of oats lacking 2 qts & .22	
Jan. 17,	John Abams dr to v & attendance	3.00
Jan. 19,	E. Wright dr to an almanac	.06
	Abner Wood dr to v & m for wife	.37½
Jan. 20,	Cornelius Shaft dr to v, venesection & cathartic for wife	.50

Jan. 22,	E. Wright Cr by 1 bushel of oats	$ .22
Jan. 23,	Loveland dr to v & m for wife	.75
	James Woodworth dr to medicine and counsel wifes foot, paregoric, powders & salts	.50
Jan. 25,	John Adams dr to v 2/ cathartic 1/ Scill 6/ Ant 6/	.50
	Captain Kingsbury Cr by stove pipe	2.25
Jan. 26,	F. Ketcham Cr by bunch of shingles	1.50
	Thomas Place dr to v, venesection & m	.37½
Jan. 27,	Snyder dr to extract tooth & piece	.18½
Jan. 31,	David Hammond dr to v & attend	3.00
	Adam H. Walrath dr to venesection of wife	.18

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Febr. 2,	Hosea Woodworth dr to v, all night to wife & m		1.00
Febr. 3,	Hosea Woodward Cr by horse to Fannings		.50
	Edmund Fanning dr to v, venesection & m		1.00
Febr. 4,	Woodworth dr to v all night & m for wife		1.00
Febr. 5,	James Woodworth dr to v, all night to his wife		.75
	Horra Woodworth dr to trusses for wife & wash & pl for her		.50
Febr. 6,	James Woodworth dr to v to wife		.25
	James Fanning dr to		
	extract tooth for daughter	1/	
	5 powders Cals & Jalap	1/6	
	6 pd Dovers	1/	
	1 box unguent	/6	.50
	Edmund Fanning Cr by 7 lbs 11 oz tallow at 1/		.96
Febr. 7,	Widow Fanning Cr by 900 lbs of hay		
	Justus Beardsley dr to extract tooth		.12½ paid
	Francis Fox dr to venesection for wife		.18 3/4
	Hunt of Western dr to dressing leg & plaster		.18 3/4
	Widow Fanning dr to bottle of apodildock		.18 3/4
Febr. 8,	John Kingsbury Cr by 2 lbs of candles @	1/	.25
	John Kingsbury dr to 1½ bu of oats @ .22		.33
	Hosea Woodworth dr to Emplastum		.12½
Febr. 10,	Hosea Woodworth dr to v to wife	3/	
	Emetic	.06	
	6 powders	1/	
	pm 1/	.87½	
Febr. 20,	Cornelius Shaft dr to v in the night		.50
	Joseph Peacock Cr by 2 bu of oats at .25 ,		.50
	Abner Wood dr to 6 Lee's pills		.18
Febr. 21,	Cornelius Shaft dr to v all night		.50
	Tracy dr to v, venesection & m		1.00
	Marmaduke Coyl dr to c & m		.25
	Cr. by 25 nots of thread (Knots)		
Febr. 22,	Shaft dr to v & attend		3.00
	Jemerson dr to pink and senna		.25
	S. Bates dr to 1 box of ung.		.12½

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Mar. 10,	Barnabus Wimes dr to v to wife	3/	
	6 Lee's pills	1/	
	Valerium	/6	
	Paregoric	/6	
	12 Dovers powders /6	.63½	
Mar. 11,	B. Fanning Cr by 1 ton of hay 5 hundred weight over		5.10
	Captain J. Kingsbury dr to 1 ton of hay, resold		5.10
	Wd Fanning dr to pink and senna for 2 childred		.25
Mar. 12,	Capt Kingsbury dr to 1/2 half bu of oats		.12½
	cathartic for wife		.12½
Mar. 13,	A Wood dr to v	2/	
	cathartic	1/	
	paregoric	1/ .50	
	Captain J. Kingsbury dr to bunch of shingles borrowed left board with Captain Kingsbury from 20 Febr to 9 March		
Mar. 16,	Wd Belknap dr to v, venesection, emetic, cathartic, etc.		1.00
	S. Bales Cr by keep of self and horse all night.		
	Adams Cr by oats, 5 bu left at Blairs		
	A. & A. B. Blair dr to 5 bu oats @ .23		
Mar. 17,	Wd Belknap dr to v, venesection, cathartic, etc		1.00
	John Adams dr to emplastum and advice for child		.25
Mar. 18,	Wd Belknap dr to v & m		1.00
	Foster Ketcham castor oil		.12½
	D. Hammon dr to pink & senna		.18 3/4
	J. Woodworth Exq. dr to c & pink & senna		.31
	Cranson Kenyon dr to c & venesection		.25
Mar. 20,	Wd Belknap dr to v & m		1.00
	J. Woodworth Esq dr to c, cathartic and D. P.		.25
	A Wood dr to v & m		.50
Mar. 21,	Gillet dr to emetic for Aug		.12½ paid
	Bell dr to c, venesection for wife & cathartic		.18 3/4
	Chr.B. Knight venesection for wife		
	R. L. Huff dr to venesection of wife and 6 pills		.25 paid
	Elder E. Burdick dr to c, cathartic, emplastum		.12½
	C. Hendrickson dr to cathartic		.12½

Mar. 22,	Ephraim Belknap dr to dose of calomel for child	.12½
	Wd. Belknap dr to m	.06
	Hosea Woodworth dr to v & m for 2 children	.12½
Mar. 23,	Cornelius Shaft dr to bitters	.06
Mar. 24,	Hosea Woodworth dr to v & m for two children	.50
	Ira Peting at dr to dianth and senna	
	H. Woodworth Cr by barrel of salt	2.21
Mar. 25,	Kingsbury dr to 1 barrel of salt from H. Woodworth	2.21
	Marmaduke Coil dr to v, emetic, cathartic, & quinine	.50
	R. Hugh dr to extract tooth	.13
	Enoch Wright dr to extract tooth	.13
	Kingsbury dr to Dianth & Senna, cathartic & scilla	.25
	J. Kingsbury dr to 4 pounds of butter, .50 resold	
	Luke Harger Cr by 4 lbs of butter	.50
Mar. 26,	Wd. Belknap dr to c & m	.25
	Wd. Belknap dr to c	.25
	Flavel Kingsbury dr to cathartic for daughter	.12½
Mar. 30,	Wd. Belknap dr to v & m for wife	.88
	Kingsbury dr c & m for daughter	.25
	Richard Crego Cr by load of hay	
	2 bu of oats	
	1 brl of cider	
	1 Gal boiled cider 1.82	
Mar. 31,	Wd. Belknap dr to v & m	.75
	Dewey dr to c & m	.25
	J. Kingsbury dr to 1 barrel of cider	
	1 gal boiled cider resold	
	Flavel Kingsbury dr to 1 oz paregoric	.13
	A Hartson dr to 1 bu potatoes	.22

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Apr. 1,	Town of Leydon dr to v to Wd. Belknap	.75
	Edmund Fanning dr to v & m	1.00
Apr. 2,	Flavel Kingsbury dr to Rhubarb and Magn for child	.13
	Captain J. Kingsbury dr to c & emetic	.13
Apr. 3,	Captain J. Kingsbury dr to Dianth & Senna & oil	.25
	Town of Leydon dr to v to Wd. Belknap	.75
	Medicine for daughter	.25
	J. Woodworth Esq. Jr. dr to c & m for boy	.37½
	D. Dewey dr to c & m for child	.25
	D. Dewey dr to c & m for child	.25
	A. Hartson dr to v & counsel	.25
	cathartic pills	.06
	Ephr. Belknap Cr by 2 lbs of butter	.25
	F. C. Kingsbury dr to 2 lbs of butter resold	.25
	Edmund Fanning dr to .06 paid Tiffany for fetching Rogers cake	
Apr. 4,	Davis Dewey dr to v & m, wait all day	1.00
	Town of Leydon dr to v & m for Wd Belknap & child	.75
Apr. 5,	David Dewey dr to v & m	.75
	Town of Leydon dr to v & m for Wd Belknap & child	.50
	Town of Leydon dr to v & m for Wd Belknap & child	.25
	Abner Wood dr to v & m to child	.50
Apr. 6,	Abner Wood v & m and stay all night	.50
	Widow B. Fanninf dr to v & m for child	.75
	L. Wood dr to tinct digitalis for S.	.12½
Apr. 7,	Abner Wood dr to v, m, all night	.63
	Flavel Kingsbury dr to cathartic and advice	.18½
	Abner Wood dr to v & m in afternoon	.50
	Abner Wood dr to v & m for daughter all night	.75
Apr. 9,	H. Lane Cr by 1.85 settles account	
	Abner Wood dr to v & m as cal, opii, digitalis, castor oil	.75
Apr. 10,	Abner wood dr to v & m	.50
	cathartic pills	.12½
	Stephen Hunt dr to c & cathartic	.25
	Town of Leydon dr to v & m for Wd Belknap	.75
	Eph. Belknap Cr by 2 lbs of butter	.25
	J. Kingsbury dr to 2 lbs of butter at .25 resold	
	Elder E. Burdick dr to 2 oz castor oil	.12½

DR. J.D.BANCROFT
OTEGO,N.Y.
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1831				
JAN.	WM. H. BIRDSALL SR. V, VENSECTION & MED.,WIFE		$0.50	
	VACCINATION AT HIS HOUSE		.25	
	CR BY MENDING BOOT			0.25
23	ALBERT BUGBEE, V & ASSEND		3.00	
MARCH 2	TO DIANTH. PLAST		12 1/2	
	EXCHANGED HORSES WITH GEORGE BURDICK			
	RURAL COLESVILLE TOWNSHIP			
MARCH 28	CYRENEUS BUNT TO EMETICK AT DEAC.MARTINS		12 1/2	
31	SAMUEL MARTIN CR HALF TON HAY, DELIVERED			
APRIL 15	JAMES MARTIN			
	1 DOZ. B PILLS	12 1/2		
	2 DOZ T PILLS	18 1/2		
	1 VIAL OINTMENT	18 1/2		
	CR 6 CENTS FOR VIAL			.44
19	O. NICKERSON			
	2 V & M TO CHILD			.88
20	V & M			.50
21	V & M			.50
23	MR. GRANT			
	BOX UNGUENT & VIAL OF JOINT OINT			.23
MAY 11	CAPT. ARMINE PICKET CR BY COMMENCEMENT OF HOUSE RENT			
	JOHN DICKENSON CR BY ROOM RENT TO THIS DATE			
13	ISAAC L. PEASE V & M TO CHILD			.50

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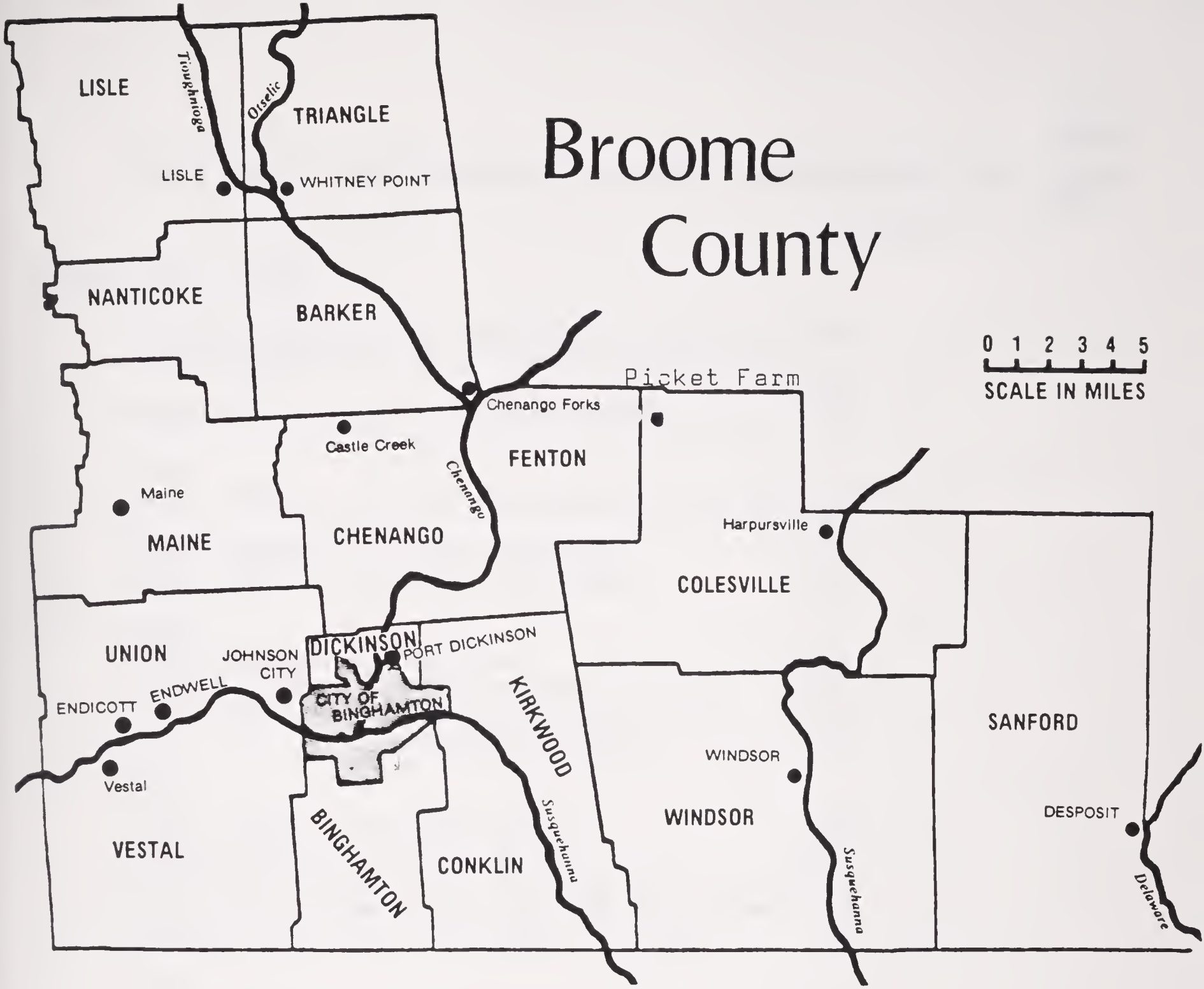
May 14	Nickerson Extract tooth & half doz. pills	18 3/4		paid
16	Jessey Marsh extract tooth for child	.12 1/2		
26	v & m for child	.50		
	Lucy Phillips m	.12 1/2		
	Lewis Mott Extract tooth, wife	.12 1/2		
27	Jesse Marsh v & m for child	.50		
	to quassia	.12 1/2		
	lucy Phillips 4 powders	.12 1/2		
28	Armon Picket v & attend & m	3.00		
29	Samuel Martin m & m to child	.69		
30	Samuel Martin v & m child	.63		
	A Picket camphora	.12 1/2		
31	Sanuel Martin v & M to child	.19		
	v & m for wife	.56		
	Platt A. Crowfoot, ext. 2 teeth	.25		
	Gardner Kittle 1 doz pills, joint powder	.30		
June				
1	Capt A. Picket Magn carb & anic	.06		
7	Andrew Merchant v & Venesection, wife	.37 1/2		
13	" " v, venesection, m self	.50		
17	Jonas M. Graves v & m ,wife	1.12 1/2		
	J. Kelley m	.12 1/2		
22	P.H.Crowfoot (Crofut) Extr. tooth & m	,44		
24	A. Pickett Paregoric	.12 1/2		
26	Alvah Ruggles v & m	.88 1/2		
	Mrs Julius Chafa m	.12 1/2		
28	Doct Brown v, venestion & m	.75		
	Alvah Ruggles by setting a shoe, credit			
	Mrs James Brown m	.18 1/2		
	Daniel Robinson Jr. 2 doz B pills	.25		paid
July				
2	Armine Picket Use of wagon	.25		
	1 bu. rye	.78	paid	
	Lewis Mott Extract tooth	.12 1/2		
5	Gordon Knowlton v & m	.63 1/2		
6	Isaac L Pease m	.25		
9	Jonas Graves m	.25		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1838

April 1838 DB#1

1 Phillip Boyce to v. and m. 1.25
Harry Martin Dr. to v & cut & m for wife 1.00
Hiram Coller dr. to extr. 2 teeth .25

2 DB#1
Lumin Cooley, dr. to 2 visits and m. all night .75
Lumin Cooley 3 v and m in day .75
Harry Martin dr. to v, cup and m 1.25

3 DB#1
Harry Martin v, cup & m. 1.25
John O. Terry v, m, & accouch 4.00
Lumin Cooley dr. to 3 vs and accouch 4.00
v and cup at night .25

4 DB#1
Lumin Cooley dr. to v & m .75
Edmund merrill dr. to v & m .50
Harry Martin dr. to v & m for wife 1.00
Jonathan Woodward dr. to c &m for father .50
Barton Pratt dr. to 8 Dover's pills .13

5 DB#1
Lumin Cooley, dr. to v & m .50
Edmund Merrill dr. to v & m .50
Deacon D. Crofut, dr. to extract tooth .13
Julius D. Dhafa, dr. to c & m .25
Charles Demerreah dr. to ride in haste from C to N 1.00
Justus Knapp, dr. to c & m .25

6 DB#1
Justus Knapp, dr. to c & m .25
Harry Martin, dr. to v & m 1.00
Lumin Cooley, dr. to 2 v & m .50

7 Saturday DB#1
Lumin Cooley dr. to 3 visits and m .75
Hartson Humiston dr. to v, m, and accouch 4.00
Phillip Boyce dr. to v & m for wife and child 1.50

8 Sunday DB#1
Lumin Cooley dr. to 3 visits and m for wife .50

9 Monday DB#1
Lumin Cooley dr. to f & m for wife .50
Harry Martin dr. to v & m for wife 1.00
James H. Handy Cr. by 13 lbs. sugar at 10 cents

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10 Tuesday DB#1
Jonathan Woodward dr. to v & m all day & accouch 4.00

11 Wednesday DB#1
Henry Manville dr. to v &m 1.00
Edmund Merrill dr. to c & m .25
Lumin Cooley dr. to 2 visits .25

12 Thursday
N. Cole, dr. to visit all night, med 1.25
Harry Martin, dr. to v & m 1.00
Stephen Wakeman dr. to v & m 1.00

13 Friday
Deacon Dan Crofut, dr. to v, venesection, m for wife 1.25
Cr. by 10 lbs sugar
Nathan Cole, dr. to c & m .25
Edmund Merrill dr. to c & m for wife .25

14 Saturday
Amos Wedge, dr. to v & m in night and staying till Morning 2.00
Harry Martin, dr. to v & m 1.00

15 Sunday
Matterson S, Merwin, dr. to v & m for child 1.25
Amos Wedge, dr. to v & m waiting for Dr. Sullivan 1.50
Fanny Frost, dr. to c & m .25
in eve, v, venesection & m .50
Baker, dr. to Pink, Senna and Cal .25 at Dr. Brown's place

16 Monday
Amos Wedge, dr. to v & m for child 1.25
Fanny Frost, to c & m .25
Lumin Cooley, dr. to c & cup .25
Hiram Collars, dr. to v in night, remove placenta 2.00
Harry Martin, dr. to v & m 1.00
Fanny Frost, dr. to 2 visits & m .50

17 Tuesday
Lumin Cooley, to v & m .50
Moses Collars, dr. to ext 2 teeth for wife .25

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18 Wednesday DB#1
Jesse Merrill, dr. to v & m for Jessie 1.25
Phillip Boyce, dr. to v & m for wife 1.00
Stephen Wakeman, dr. to v & m for wife 1.13

19 Thursday
Deacon D. Crofut, dr. to v, venesection, cup and m. 1.25

20 Friday
Phillip Boyce, dr. to m for daughter .25
Fanny Frost, dr. to box of pills .25

21 Saturday
James B. Frasier, dr. to v & m, in night for child .75

22 Sunday
Lumin Cooley, dr. to v & m .50
James Knox, dr. to v & m for wife and child 1.25
to c & m for Louisa .25
Collis Allen, dr. to v all night and accouch 4.00

23 Monday
Hiram Collar, dr. to v&m setting fracture of thigh 4.00
James Knox, dr. to Linnament and tincture for Louisa .37½
Edmund Merrill's, dr. to v&m .37½

25 Wednesday
Edmund Merrill, dr. to v & m .37½

26 Thursday
Hiram Collars, dr. to v & m 1.00
James Harvey Handy, dr. to c & m for wife and daughter .50
Mrs. B. Hill, Cr. by 4½ ozs. sugar at 1/

27 Friday
Justus Knapp, cr. by mending dung fork 1/

28 Saturday
Andrew Merchant, dr. to v and accouch 4.00

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29 Sunday
William Savage, dr. to visit and m. all day 1.50

30 Monday
William Savage, dr. to v and reduce prolapse 1.00
Mrs. B. Hill, dr. to c & m .13
Hiram Collar, dr. to v and dressing boy's leg 1.00

May 1838 DB#1

1 Tuesday
Elder H. P. Worden, dr. to visit and accouch 4.00

2 Wednesday
James Turner, dr. to call, venesection, extract teeth .37½
Titus Humiston, dr. to extr. tooth for daughter .15
Benjamin Hill, dr. to v & m all night 1.25

3 Thursday
Wm. Savage, Cr. by two days work
Truesdell, cr. by 2 day's work 16/
H. Watrous, dr. to m for wife .13

4 Friday
Deacon Samuel Martin, dr. to v & m for wife 1.00
Benjamin Hill, dr to v, venesection, m all night 1.25

5 Saturday
Deacon Samuel Martin, dr. to v, venesection, m for wife 1.25
E. Merrill's, dr. to v & m .50
James B. Frasier, dr. to v & ext. tooth .25
Albert Adams, dr. to c & m .25

6 Sunday
Deacon Sam Martin, dr. to v, m. and cup 1.25
John Scowton, dr. to c & m in night .50

7 Monday
Albert Adams, dr. to v, venesection, & m .50
John Scowton, v & m in night .50

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May 1838 (continued) DB#1

8 Tuesday
Deacon S. Martin, v & m from G. R. 1.00
John Acowton, dr. to v & m 1.00
Garry Ruggles, dr. to v & m 1.25
E Merrill's, dr. to v & m .50
Deacon D. Crofut, cr. by # 40 lbs. sugar and by 2 days work of self and son

9 Wednesday
Garry Ruggles, dr. to v & m 1.00
Afternoon v & m
From P. Boone .50
Peter Bovee, dr. to v, m, accouch, attend till the 10th in pm 4.00
Andrew Merchant, dr. to v & m for child 1.00

10 Thursday
Garry Ruggles, dr. to v & m 1.00
Jeremiah Rogers, dr. to v & m for J. .50
50 pills of ferri .13
Albert Adams , dr. to v & m .50
E Merrill's, dr. to c & m .25

11 Friday
John Scowton, dr. to v & m .75
Benjamin Hill, dr. to v, venesection, cup and med. 1.00
Garry Ruggles, to v &m 1.00
German Doolittle, dr. to v in night. Obstr. 1.50

12 Saturday
Jeremiah Rogers, V & m .50

13 Sunday
John Scowton, to v & m .75
Benjamin Hill, dr. to v & m 1.00
Hiram Collers, dr. to v and dress boy's leg 1.00

14 Monday
John Scowton, dr. to v & m .75
c & m .25
Lumin Cooley, dr. to v & m for G .50
James B. Frasier, dr. to venesection for wife, c, .25
Albert Adams, dr. to 2 calls and emplastum .25
J. Rogers, dr. to v & m for J. .50
John Wakeman, dr. to c & m .25
B. Pratt, dr. to c, venesection and m for Laura .50

May 1838 (continued) DB#1

15 Tuesday
J. Knapp, dr. to v, venesection, med for sisters .50
Cr. by setting 2 shoes and finding one.
E. Merrill's, dr. to 2 visits and m .50

16 Wednesday
Joel Wedge, dr. to visit and dress boy's mouth 2.00
Benjamin Hill, dr. to v, cup and med for wife 1.25
John Scowton, dr. to c & m .25

17 Thursday
James B. Frasier, dr. to v & m .50
Hiram Watrous, dr. to v, venesection and m 1.00

18 Friday
James B. Frasier to visit and opening abscess .50
Albert Adams, dr. to 3 v, venesection and m .50
John Scowton, dr. to v & m .75
Benjamin Hill, dr. to v, cup, and m 1.00

19 Saturday
Albert Adams, dr. to 3 v, venesection and m ..50
Hezekiah Williams, dr. to v & m .50
Edmond Brown, dr. to v, cup and m, for child at Moses Hinman 1.50
Hunt, dr. to counsel and m .25

20 Sunday
Albert Adams, dr. to v & m 1.00
E. Brown, dr. to v & m for child 1.25
Justus Knapp, dr. to v & m & venesection .50
Garry Ruggles, dr. to v & m 1.25
John Scowton, dr. to v, cup and m 1.00

21 Monday
E. Brown, dr. to v & m 1.50
Joel Wedge, dr. to v and dress 1.25
John Scowton, dr. to v & m .75
Benjamin Hill, dr. to v, cup, m 1.00
Hiram Collers, dr. to v and dress 1.00

22 Tuesday
E. Brown, dr. to v & m in night 1.50
John Flasburgh, dr. to 2 drachm caster oil .25
Albert Adams, dr. to v & m .50
Nancy Bunt, dr. to v, cup and m .75
Hiram Watrous, dr. to v & m for wife 1.00
J. Rogers, cr. by 1½ bu. of rye at the mill

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23 Wednesday
Lumin Cooley, dr. to Ipecac and S, S, N, .18 2/3
John Scowton, dr. to c & m .50

24 Thursday
Lumin Cooley, dr. to senna, soda, and paregoric .25
Nancy Bunt, dr. to v & m .75
Edmund Merrill, dr. to c & m .25
Joseph Pike, dr. to v & m in night 1.75

25 Friday
Joseph Pike, dr. to v, venesection and med 1.00
evening v, cup, m and attend all night 1.50
Sam B. Pike, dr. to v, venesection in night and attend till night next day and accouch 4.00

26 Saturday
Benjamin Hill, dr. v, cup, and m 1.00

27 Sunday
William Sarapt, dr. to c, venesection and m to self and wife .50
Miss Knapp, dr. to v, venesection and m .50
to c & m .25

28 Monday
Joseph Pike, dr. to v &m, 1 oz. cubebs 1.25
Isaac Hurlburt, dr. to c & m .25
Benjamin Hill, dr. to v & m 1.00

29 Tuesday
Edmund Merrills to v & m .50
Cr. by 1 day work

30 Wednesday
James B. Frasier, dr. to v & m .50
Albert Adams, dr. to v & m .50
Sheldon Waters, dr. to v &m 1.00

31 ?
Joseph Pike, dr. to v & m 1.00
Benjamin Hill, dr. to v & m 1.00

June 1838 DB#1

1 Friday
Joseph Pike, dr. to v & m 1.50
Tacitus D. Church, Cr. by coal 78 by $3.12 Staves 2.29

2 Saturday
Joseph Pike, dr. v & m; Dr. Far consult 1.50
Benjamin Hills, dr. to v & M .50
John O. Terry, v & m all night 1.50

3 Sunday
John Terry, dr. to v & m 1.00
James Turner, v to remove placenta 1.13
James Turner, v and m in night, v, venisection & m for wife 1.00

4 Monday
John O. Terry, dr. to v & m 1.00
Daniel Beeman, dr. to v & accouch 4.00

5 Tuesday
John O. Terry, dr. to v & m 1.00
Joseph Pike, dr. to v & m 1.50
Andrew Allen, Dr. to V & m from Pike's .75
Davis, dr. to v & m from Pikes .50
Miss Amy Colliers, dr. to c & m .25
Benjamin Hill, dr. to v & m 1.00

6 Wednesday
Jeremiah Moremus, dr. to v, venesection, m .50
blood tonic .13
George Morris, dr. to v, venesection & m .50

7 Thursday
Joseph Pike, dr. to v & m 1.50
Andrew Allen, dr. to m at Pike's .13
Miss Collar, dr. to c & m .25

8 Friday
George Morris, dr. to v & m .50
Chauncey Blakesley, dr. to v, venesection, and m .50

9 Saturday
George Morris, dr. to v & m .50

10 Sunday
George Morris, dr. to v & m .50
Edmund Merrills, dr. to v & m (creosote for wife) .50
to venesection and m for Alph .25
Benjamin Hill, dr. to v & m 1.00
Capt. Chafa, dr. to v & m for wife .75
Calvin Handy, dr. to c, emetic and pill .25
Justus Knapp, dr. to v, venesection, m at night .75

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11 Monday
Justus Knapp, dr. to v & m .50
Benjamin Hill, dr. to v & m 1.00
Miss Collar, dr. to v, venesection and m 1.00
George Morris, dr. to v & m .50

12 Tuesday
Justus Knapp, dr. to v & m in pm .50
" " in night .50
Miss Knapp, dr. to venesection, m & cup 1.00
George Morris, v & m .50
James B. Frasier, c, venesection and m for wife .25
Mrs. Isaac Van Valkenburgh, dr. to m .25

13 Wednesday
George Morris, v & m 1.00
Stevens, dr. to c & m .37½
Mrs. Knapp, dr. to 2 v and m .75
Captain Chafa, to v & m for wife .75
Edmund Merrills, dr. to v & m .75

14 Thursday
John Stevens, dr. to v & m 1.25
George Morris, dr. to v & m .50
to v & m in pm .50 died 20 min. after 6 pm.
Miss Knapp, dr. to 2 calls and m .30
Wd. Molley Humiston, dr. to v & m night 1.25

15 Friday
Stephen Hurd, dr. to v & m, obstetrical complication 1.25
Sidney Sornburger, dr. to v, venesection & m 1.13
James Turner, dr. to c & m for wife .50
Miss Knapp, dr. to v & m .50
Capt. Merriman, cr. by 8.00 payment in full on account

16 Saturday
Sidney Sornborger, dr. to v & venesection and m 1.00
James Turner, dr. to v & m for daughter .37½
Hezekiah Williams, dr. to v & m .50
Benjamin Hill, dr. to v, cup, & m 1.00
Nancy Bunt, dr. to cream of tartar .13
Wm Bunt, cr. by 4 lbs. of wool
Wasson & Noble, dr. to v & m at Wd. Morris .50

June 1838 (continued) DB#1

17 Sunday
Sidney Sorberger, dr. to v & m 1.00
Harry Williams, dr. to v & m for mother 1.00

18 Monday
Sidney Sornborger, dr. to v & m 1.00
Hezekiah William, dr. to v & m consultant Dr. B. .50
" " in evening v .25
Col. Wilcox, Esq., v & m in evening .75
Paid Dr. Purinton $ 50.00 Note
Gave H. Martin note for # 24.00
Bartholomew Tyrrell, cr. by cash $10.00

19 Tuesday
Hezekiah Williams, dr. to v im am .50
v in pm .25
Hezekiah Williams, dr. to 2 v & m .75
Peter Bovee, dr. to v & m, venesection, all night 1.25

20 Wednesday
Hezekiah Williams, 3 vs & m 1.25
Sidney Sorborger, dr. to v & m 1.00
Edson, dr. to v & dress wound 1.25 Paid

21 Thursday
Hezekiah Williams, c & m .25
v & m .50
Benjamin Hill, dr. to v & cup 1.00

22 Friday
Hezekiah Williams, dr. to 3 v's & m 1.25
Horace Merrill, dr. to v & m for mother .25
George Turner, dr. to v & accouch 4.00 Paid

23 Saturday
Hezekiah Williams, dr. to 3 visits and consultation with Dr. B.

24 Sunday
Hezekiah Williams, 2 visits and m .75

25 Monday
Justus Knapp to c .25
Horace Merrills dr. to c .25

26 Tuesday
Went to Bainbridge with Mrs. Bancroft
Eli Dort cr by use of sulky

27 Wednesday
Lumin Cooley cr. by commence board till the 30th

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28 Thursday
John Wasson, Sr., dr. to v & m 1.00
Loaned syringe 6/ returned.

29 Friday
O. Ormsby cr. by $ 3.00 cash

30 Saturday
Benjamin Hill, dr. to v & m 1.00
Hill Wakeman, dr. to v & m, in night 1.25
James Chafa, dr. to v & accouch 4.00 cr cash $3.00

July 1838 DB#1

1 Sunday
Benjamin Hills, dr. to v & m 1.00

2 Monday
Benjamin Hills, dr. to v & m 1.00
William Cowdery, dr. to v & m from Hills .50
Horace Merrills, dr. to 2 visits and M .50

3 Tuesday
Col. Adams, dr. to v & scarify .50
Lumin Cooley, c & m Sol. N. Argent .25

4 Wednesday
Benjamin Hills, v & m 1.00

5 Thursday
Benjamin Hills, v & m 1.00
Calvin Handy, dr. to extract 6 teeth .25

6 Friday
Benjamin Hill or S. Keny, dr. to v & m for Mr. Hill 1.00
Calvin Handy, dr. to extr. tooth at Holcomb's .13

7 Saturday
Banjamin Hill, v in evening, all night and till 8 pm next day
James H. Handy, dr. to v & m for wife 1.00
from Hills 4 times 1.00

8 Sunday no entry

July 1838 continued, DB#1

9 Monday
Calvin Handy Jr., dr. to c & m for wife .25
Daniel Bennett, cr. by one day's work
Horace Merrill to visit and m for mother .37½
cr. by one day's work by Alfred
Isaac Van Valkenburg, dr. to v & m for child in night 1.25
Samuel Kent at Hill's, dr. to v & m for wife 1.00
William W. Cowdery, c & m .25
O Vosbery, Cr. to reeds which balances all

10 Tuesday
Horace Merrills, dr. to c & m .25
J. B. Frasier, dr. to c & m .25

11 Wednesday
J. B. Frasier, cr. to work on wagon

12 Thursday
James Saunders, v, all day, venesection & m 1.50
S. Kent of Hill, dr. to v & m .75

13 Friday
James Saunders, dr. to Jalap .13
James Shay, Esq., dr. to v & m 1.00
S. Kent or Hill, dr. to v all night and use of catheter 1.50
J. Rogers to v & m for wife .50

14 Saturday
James Shay, Esq., dr. to v & m 1.00
J. Rogers, to c & m .25
Moses Collars, dr. to pills and extr tooth .25

15 Sunday
Harry Martin, dr. to v in night 1.00
to c .25
S. Kent or B. Hill, dr. to v & use of catheter 1.25
Jeremiah Rogers, dr. to v & m .50

16 Monday
Horace Merrills, cr. to v &m for mother .25
c & creosote .25
John Wakeman, dr to v, accouchr and attend 4.00
S. kent or B. Hill, v, m, & use of catheter 1.50

July 1838 (continued) DB#1

17 Tuesday
Horace Merrills, cr. to v & dress, m ..25
Kent or Hills, v and use of catheter 1.00

18 Wednesday
Jeremiah Rogers, dr. to v & m .50
Kent or Hill, v and use of catheter 1.25
Harvey Truesdell, v & accouch 4.00

19 Thursday
Kent or Hill, dr. to use of catheter 1.25
Horace Merrills, dr. to c & m .25
John Wakeman, dr. to v, venesection & m 1.00

20 Friday
Kent or Hill, v, use of catheter & m 1.25
Horace Merrills, c & m .25
John Wakeman, v and m in am 1.00
venesection, c & m .25

21 Saturday
Kent or Hill, v all night, m, use of catheter 1.25
John Wakeman, dr. to v & m 1.00
v & m and use of catheter 1.00
Samuel Thompson, dr. to c & m .25

22 Sunday
John Wakeman, dr. to v & m .50
" " dr. to v & m 1.00
Horace Merrils, dr. to v & m for mother .38
Banjamin Hill, dr. to v & use of catheter 1.25

23 Monday
John Wakeman, dr. to v & m 1.00
Hiram Watrous, dr. to v & accouch 4.00
Benjamin Hill, dr. to v and use of catheter 1.25

24 Tuesday
Horace Merrils, dr. to c & m .25
John Wakeman, dr. to v &m 1.25
Benjamin Hill, v, m, & catheter 1.25

July 1838 (continued) DB#1

25 Wednesday
Horace Merrils, c & m .25
cr. by ½ oz. GM Opii .18
cr. by 1 female syringe .25
John Wakeman, v & m 1.00
Benjamin Hill, v & m & catheter 1.25
Nathan Case, dr. to v & m & scarify 1.00
David Wilcox, Esq., dr. to v and opening George's head 1.00
Morton B, Slusser, dr. to v & m, opening acscess 1.25

26 Thursday
Horace Merrils, c & m .25
John Wakema, v & m .25
Banjamin Hill, v & m 1.00
David Wilcox, to v and dress head 1.00
Harry Martin, to v and accouch 4.00
Harvey Truesdel, v, m, & venesection 1.50
James Knox, c & m at Noble's .50

27 Friday
Horace Merrill's to c and dressing son .25
James S. Frasier, dr. to v & m .50
Stephen Wakeman, dr. to v & m 1.50
John S. Wakeman, dr. to v & m .75

28 Saturday
Stephen Wakeman, v & m 1.00
Horace Merrils, dr. to v & m .25
Col. D. Wilcox, v and dress head .50
c and dress head .50

29 Sunday
John Wakeman, v & m 1.00
Horace Merrils, c and dress .25
Kent or Hill, v & m for Mrs Hill 1.00

30 Monday
Horace Merrills, c & dress .25
Col. D. Wilcox, c & dress head .50
John S. Wakeman, dr. to v, m, use of catheter 1.00
Deacon Dort, cr. by Hub bands (wheels) and cast iron boxes for wagon 1.00

31 Tuesday
John S. Wakeman, dr. to v & m 1.00
Kent or Hill, v & m for Mrs. Hill .75
Col. D. Wilcox, dr. to v & m, for self .75
Dressing and M for George .25
Horace Merrill, dr. to v & m for twin .50

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August 1838, DB#1

1 Wednesday
Lumin Cooley, dr. to v, m, and emetic ..50
Stephen Wakeman, dr. to v & m 1.50
Charles demarea, dr. to v, venesection & m 1.50

2 Thursday
John Wakeman, dr. to v &m .75
Horace Merrils, dr. to 2 c & m .50

3 Friday
Horace Merrils to c .25
Ketcham, dr. to c .25 Jerry
Doctor Seymour, dr. to venesection

4 Saturday
H. Herrills, dr. to c .25
John Wakeman, dr. to v & c 1.00
Matterson Merwin, dr. to v, venesection & m
Cr. by one load of hay 1.25
Stephen Hurd, dr. to c, m. extr. tooth .50
S. Kent and B. Hill, dr. to v & m 'Mrs. Hill?) 1.00
J. H. Handy, dr. to v & m .37½

5 Sunday
H. Merrills, dr. to c in evening .25
James B. Frasier, c & emetic .13
Asa Lord, dr. to c & m .25
Wd. Thompson, dr. to v & m for child 1.00

6 Monday
Aaron Beeman, dr. to v, venesection, m, accouch
cr. by cash 3.00 4.00
Benjamin Hill and L Kent, dr. to c & m .25
to v & m & cup 1.00
Horace Merrills, v, m, & dress in night .50

7 Tuesday
Horace Merrills, dr. to c & dress mouth .25
evening the same .25
John Wakeman, v, m, open abscess 1.00
James H. Handy, dr. to c & m .25
Titus Humaston, dr. to m at my house .25
Wd. Morris, Cr. by 10 lbs. veal

August 1838 (continued) DB#1

8 Wednesday
Horace Merrils to c & dressing .50
m for C .25
Edgar Nickerson, Cr. by 1 bu. wheat
Titus Humaston, dr. to m at my house .25

9 Thursday
Horace Merrils, dr. to v and dress mouth .37½
Evening .37½
James Handy, c & m .25

10 Friday
Horace Merril, dr. to 2 v, etc. .75
Sheldon Watrous, dr. to v & m for self, venesection for wife 1.00
Joel Walton, dr. to ca. venesection & m .44
Ezra Hickox, dr. to ext. two teeth at a time .25
Col. A. Adams, dr. to v, venesection, m .50
Truman Smith, dr. to v, venesection & m .62½
John Wakeman, dr. to v & m for wife and child .75
J. Rogers, dr. to v & m for child .50

12 Sunday
James Knox, dr to v & m 1.00
Horace Merrils, dr. to 2 v, etc. .75

13 Monday
Horace Merrils, 2 v & m .75
Morice Merwin, dr. to v, venesection and m for wife .50
Cyrenius Bunt, dr. to ext. tooth .15

14 Tuesday
Horace Merril, dr. to 2 v & m .75
James Knox, dr. to v & m 1.00
Deacon D. Crofut, cr. by ½ ton hay.
Winter, dr. to whip stolen by boys 1/

15 Wednesday
Horace Merrils, dr. to 2 v & m .75
Maurice Merwin, dr. to v & m .50
Hamilton Pearce, dr. to 2 v in am 1.00
in pm v & m .75
John Wakeman, cr. by 1 load of hay

16 Thursday
Maurice Merwin, c .25
Hamilton Pearce V & m .75

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August 1838 (continued) DB#1

17 Friday

Benjamin Hill, dr. v, m & cup	1.00
M. Merwin, dr. to v & m	.50
John Wakeman, dr. to call	.50
Lumin Saunders, cr. by 2 bundles of shingles	

18 Saturday

M. Merwin, dr. to 2 v & m	.75
Jeremiah Morremus, dr. to v, m, for son	1.00

19 Sunday

Benjamin Hill, 2 v	.75
John Freeman, dr. to v, m, for wife and Lucy Ann Haney	1.00
Winter, dr. to c & m	.25

20 Monday

John Freeman, v & venesection, m	1.00
Col. Wilcox, Esq., dr. to c & m	.37½
Morris Merwin, dr. to 3 v & m	1.00
Lumin Cooley, dr. to 2 v & m	.75
James Knox, dr. to v, cup and m	1.00

21 Tuesday

Morris Merwin, to v	.50
James Knox, v & m	1.00
Ed Nickerson, dr. to c & m	.50
Cr. with 2 bu. rye	
Lumin Cooley, dr. to 2 visits	.75
Deacon Crofut, cr by 1 load of hay	

22 Wednesday

Barton Pratt, dr. to c & m	.25	
Benjamin Hill, dr. to v, cup & m	1.00	
Harry Martin, dr. to c & m	.50	
Daniel Martin, dr. to med at office	.50	(David)
Morris Merwin, dr. to 2 v & m	1.00	
Winter, dr. to v & m	.75	

23 Thursday

Morris Merwin, 2 v and M	1.00
James Knox, dr. to v & m	1.00

24 Friday

Ed Nickerson, dr. to c &m	.25
Morris Merwin, dr. to 2 v & m	.75

25 Saturday

Lumin Cooley, dr. to 3 Dovers Powders	.13
James Knox, dr. to v & m	1.00
Edgar Nickerson, dr. to c & m	.25

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26 Sunday
James Knox, dr. to v all night 1.00
Winters to v & m for boy 1.00
Morris Merwin, dr. to v & m .50

27 Monday
Ed Nickerson, dr. to c & m .25
Morris Merwin, dr. to v & m .50
Benjamin Hill, dr. to v, m, cup 1.00
Capt. L. Merriman, dr. to c & m for wife .37½

28 Tuesday
Winters, v & m .75
Caroline Brown, dr. to c & m .25
Charles Tyrrell, dr. to morphine .15

29 Wednesday
Morris Merwin, dr. to v & m .50
James Knox, dr. to v & m 1.00
George Collington, dr. to v & m from Knox's .50

30 Thursday
Morris Merwin, v & cupping .50
A. Merchant, cr. by 1500 lbs hay, $4.50
Benjamin Hill, Cr. by 10 quarts of berries at 6 cents

31 Friday
Henry Cole on river, dr. to extract tooth for wife .15

September 1838 DB#1

1 Saturday
Col. A. Adams, dr. to 8 visits, c cupping twice 3.00

2 Sunday
Nathan Noble, dr. to c & emetic .13

3 Monday
Nathan Noble, dr. to 24 pills .25
Morris Merwin, dr. to c & m .25
Joel K. Noble, dr. to v & accouch 4.00
Stephen Hurd, dr. c & m .25

4 Tuesday
Col. Adams, dr. to 4 v & m 1.00
to attend all night and m 1.00
Morris merwin, dr. to v with Dr. Benton .25
Benjamin Hill, dr. to v .50
Nelson Blakesley, dr. to v & m .62½

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September 1838 (continued)

5 Thursday
Col. A. Adams, 4 v. & m, with Dr. Benton 1.00
Morris Merwin, dr. to v with Dr. Benton .25
evening .25
Nathan A. Noble, dr. to v, venesection and m 1.00

6 Friday
Morris Merwin, dr. to v, m, croton oil tr. .50
Moses Coller to v in night, venesection 1.50
Col. A. Adams, dr. to several visits 1.00

7 Friday
Nathan Noble, dr. to v & m 1.00
Col. A. Adams, dr. to several v & m 1.00
M. Merwin, dr. to v and application of Croton oil to Stm. .25

8 Saturday
Albert Adams to several visits for child 1.00
M. Merwin to v & apply croton oil .25
J. K. Nobles, dr. to c & m .25
Stephen Hurd, credit by one bbl of coal

9 Sunday
M. Merwin to c .25
Capt. Chafa, dr. to m for wife .25

10 Monday
Albert Adams, repeated visits no charge
Seth Baker, dr. to setting boy's fractured arm 1.00

11 Tuesday
Nathan Noble, dr. to v & m for Wd. 1.00
Sidney White, dr. to v & m for wife 1.00
D. W. Pearsall, dr. to v & setting ankle 1.50
Cyrenius Bunt, v to extr. tooth for wife .13

12 Wednesday
D. W. Pearsall, to 2 visits , & m and dress L 1.00
Benjamin Hill, dr. to v, m, cup L 1.00
Henry W. Pulver, dr to c .25
Jeremiah Rogers, dr. to v & m for wife .50

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13 Thursday
Capt. Chafa, to v & m for wife .75
D. W. Pearsall, 2 v, m, dress .75
Daniel Bennett, cr. by 3/4 day's work
Asa Eldredge, cr y drawing wood ½ day
Barth Tyrrell, cr. by 3 cords of wood at 4/
to be turned on Charles' note.

14 Friday
M Merwin to c .25
D. W. Pearsall, dr. to v, c, and dress .50
Samuel B. Pike, cr. to half day laying wall

15 Saturday
Capt. Chafa, cr. by one day's work
Jeremiah Rogers, v & m .50
D. W. Pearsall, to v, call and dress .50
Lewis Draper, dr. to v, dressing head,
venesection and m for boy 2.00
Daniel Crofut, dr. to m at my house .25
D. W. Pearsall, dr. to dress & m, calledin
Dr. Benton in consultation .50

16 Sunday
Jeremiah Rogers, 3 v & m .50
M. Merwin, dr. to c & m .25
D. W. Pearsall, dr. to dress leg .50

17 Monday
Merrills, cr. by making pair of shoes and by
finding sole leather
Jeremiah Rogers, to 3 visits and m .50

18 Tuesday
D. W. Pearsall, dr. to v & dressing foot .25
J. Rogers, dr. to 2 v & m .75
Capt. Chafa, dr. to v & m .75
Daniel Crofut, cr. by half day's work of self and son

19 Wednesday
J. Rogers, dr. to 3 visits and m 1.00
D. W. Pearsall, v and dress foot .50
Dan Tyrrell, dr. to v & m 1.50

20 Thursday
J. Rogers to 3 visits and m. Dr. Benton
consult 1.00
D. W. Pearsall, to v MC
Andrew Morrison, dr. to v, venesection
and m 1.00

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September 1838 (continued) DB#1

21 Friday

J. Rogers, to v & m	1.00
visit in night, dead, by kick of horse	1.00
Nathan Noble, dr. to v & m for mother	1.00
Benjamin Hill, dr. to v & m for wife	.75
J. H. Handy Jr., dr to v, opening abscess	.50
Lumin Cooley, dr. to c & m	.25

22 Saturday

J. Rogers, dr. to 2 visits	1.00
George Turber, cr. by case $4.00	
Alfred Merrils, dr. to v venesection and m	.63

23 Sunday

Israel Robinson, dr. to v & m	1.00
Alfred Merrils, dr. to v & m	.50 venesection
John Scowton, dr. to visit, m, taxis all night	1.50

24 Monday

John Scowton, dr. to attend 24 hours in company with Dr. Seymour and Bronson	1.50
Barton Pratt, dr. to 4 Dovers pills	.13

25 Tuesday

John Scowton, dr. to v, m, and assisting of Dr. Brooks in performing operation for incarcerated hernia	1.50
Alfred Merrill, dr. to v & m	.50
J. Rogers, dr. to c & m	.25

26 Wednesday

Captain Chafa, dr. to v & m	.75
D. W. Pearsall, to 2 v and m.	.75

27 Thursday

D. E. Pearsall, 3 v & m for wife	1.00
Jeremiah Rogers, dr. to v & m	.50

28 Friday

D. W. Pearsall, dr. to v & m	.50
Nathan Noble, dr. to v & m for mother	1.00
Chauncey Blakesely, dr. to v & m	1.00

September 1838 (continued) DB#1

29 Saturday
Blakesley, c & m .25
Jeb Chaffee, dr. to v & m .75

30 Sunday
Jeremiah Rogers, v & m .50

October 1838, DB#1

2 Tuesday
Lucinda Thompson, dr. to v, cup & m at Martin Thompson's 1.00
Benjamin Hill, dr. to c, cup, and m .50
Wm. Bunt, cr. by one sheep returned of those he took at 1 ; 1 lb. wool a head
James H. Handy,Sr., dr to extr. tooth for daughter .15
Cr. for 9 bu. of potatoes

3 Wednesday
James Brainard, Cr. by 7 bu. apples
Edg. Nickerson, cr. by 2 bu. wheat

4 Thursday
M. Murwin, dr. to c & m .25
Julius Chafee, dr. to v & m at night 1.25
Nathan A. Noble, cr. by 1 bu of corn
D. W. Pearsall, dr. to v and dressing foot .25

5 Friday
Dr. to c and extr. tooth .25
Fanny Frost, dr. to Extr tooth .13
Cyrenius Bunt, dr. to opening abscess for child .75

6 Saturday
Luman Saunders cr. by 1750 Shingles
Ashbell Parsons, dr. to v all night and till pm 2.00
Craver at Merrills, dr. to v & m .75 (Paid)

7 Sunday
No entry.

8 God's Day
John Milligan, dr. to v & m 1.25
Deacon S. Martin, dr. to v & extract 4 teeth .50
Chaffee, dr. to c & m .50

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October 1838 (continued) DB#1

9 Monday
James Saunders dr. to v, m & accouch 4.00

10 Tuesday
John Wasson, dr. to v 24 hour, m 2.00
v all night 1.00
Sheldon Waters, dr. to v, m, accouch 4.00
Mrs. J. Morrison, cr. by trimming supporter

11 Wednesday
Stephen Wasson, dr. to m for wife, c. .25
Isaac Hurlburt, dr. to c & m for boy .25
William W. Cowdery, dr. to c & venesection .25
Albert Adams, dr. c & venesection for wife .25
Benjamin Hill, dr. to v, cup, and m 1.00
James B. Frasier, dr. to paregoric .13

12 Thursday
Gordon Knowlton, dr. to v & m 1.00
Lewis Robinson, dr. to v & extract placenta 1.50

13 Friday
Edna Holcomb, dr. to v in night and medicine Obst. tola,
Horace Merrits, dr. to v & m,
cr. took back the wagon, I gave up his notes. He gave $ 5.00 note.
Alb Adams, dr. to venesection at store .13
by $6.50 ub Locust posts

14 God's day
Nathan A.Noble, dr. to v & m for mother .75

15 Monday
Collis Allen, dr. to v & m 1.00
Cr. to cow $ 10.00
N. A. Nobles, dr. to c & m .50
Cr. by 4 bu oats.

16 Tuesday
Went with D. W. Pearsall to Norwich and Oxford.

19 Friday
Eld. Will Storrs, dr. to Horse keep commenced dr to broom .31
Cr. to 12½ lbs. veal .50

October 1838 (continued) DB#1

20 Saturday
Cooley, over river, Dr. to v at night and m all day 1.50

21 Sunday
Julius B. Chaffee, dr. to extr tooth .15

22 Monday
Moses Collar, dr. to v & m in night 1.50
Moses Collar worked on school house
Elder W. Storrs, dr. to v & m, self and child .50

23 Tuesday
Warren, dr. to v and dressing face .50
Wood, dr. to v & m .75
Hickox, dr. to v & m 1.00
E. Nickerson, dr. to abdominal supporter 5.00
Asa Eldredge, dr. by 2 bu. corn 2.00
Elder William Storrs, dr. to medicaltreatment (does this mean electric machine?) & medicine 5 days 2.00

24 Wednesday
Allen and Adams, dr. to note 33.00 paid for premium stove.
William Storrs horse took away.

25 Thursday
J. Rogers, dr. to v & m .50
Asa Eldredge, dr. to extr. tooth .15

26 Friday
Albert Adams, dr. to vial of linament 2/
vial digit and coll. .37½

27 Saturday
L. Cooley, dr. to tinct of Sang .13
D. Wilcox, dr. to dressing boy's cut foot.25
Sidney White, dr. to v, m, venesection and accouch 4.00

31 Wednesday
Whitmore, dr. to extr. tooth .15

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November 1838 DB#1

2 Friday
Elder Storrs, 2 visits & m, 6 days each NC
B. Tyrrell, dr. to ether .06
John Morrison, dr. to pink and senna .25
Fluvia Beeman, v, venesection, m 1.50

3 Saturday
Fluvia Beeman, v, m, venesection 1.50
George Monroe, dr. to c & m .25

4 Sunday
Fluvia Beeman, dr. to v & m 1.50
George Monroe, dr. to v & m 1.00
Wm. Way, dr. to v & extract placenta 1.50
Benjamin Hill, dr. to ca. morphine, cup .50
Morris Merwin, cr. to ½ of vial of veratria .37½
cr. by cash $5.00

5 Monday
James B. Frasier, dr. to 2 v, m and venesection 1.00
Jer. Rogers, dr. to v & m for wife .50
Sidney White, dr. to v & m 1.00
c & m creosote .25
J. Morenus, dr. to ca. .25
John A. Kingsley to mercu plast & pills .37

6 Tuesday
Benjamin Hill, dr. to v, cup and m 1.00
Fluora Beeman, dr. to v & m 1.00
George Monroe, dr. to c .25
Elder William Storrs, dr. to m for daughter .13
Deacon D. Crofut, dr. to 63 brick & 30 broken brick
Cr. by 5 bu. potatoes

7 Wednesday
Sidney White, dr. to hair pencil
Capt. Merriman, dr. to m for wife .50
Moses Collar, dr. to extr. tooth .13
Benjamin Hill, dr to v, cup, catheter and m 1.00

8 Thursday
Benjamin Hill, cup, catheter, & m 1.00
Fluvia Beeman, dr. to v & m 1.25

November 1838 (continued) DB#1

9 Friday
J. Shay, Esq., dr. to v for wife 1.00
Philip Melius, dr. to v, venesection, cup and m 1.25
Benjamin Hill, dr. to v, cup, catheter, and medicine 1.25

10 Saturday
Philip Melius, dr to v, venesection, cup, and medicine 1.25

11 Sunday
Philip Melius, dr. to v, cup & m 1.25
Jeremiah Morenus, dr. to v, venesection, medicine at night 1.00

12 Monday
Philip Melius, dr. to v & m .75

13 Tuesday
Jeremiah Morenus, dr. to 2 v & m, Dr. Brady consult 1.50
Albert Adams, dr. to vial of liniment .13

14 Wednesday
Jeremiah Morenus, dr. to v in am .75
v. with Dr. Seymour in pm .75
evening v & m all night 1.00
Philip Melius, dr. to v & m 1.50

15 Thursday
Philip Melius, physic at my house .13
J. Morenus, dr. to v & m, evening .75
Benjamin Hill, dr. to v, cup, wash & m 1.25

16 Friday
J. Morenus, v & m .75 .75
James Saunders, dr. to crane, and eyes and short trammel
Samuel Pratt, dr. to 1 reed 28 br
" 32 br
" 34 br .20

17 Saturday
J. Morenus, dr. to v & m .75
Evening v & m called by Dr. Kee .75
Alb. Adams, c & m .25
Jeremiah Rogers, dr. to pink, cal, & senna .37½

18 Sunday
J. Morenus, v & m .75
John A. Kingsley, dr. to 2 boxes of pills .25

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November 1838 (continued) DB#1

19 Monday
Wasson, dr. to v & m in night 1.25
Stephen Hurd, Cr. by 3 bu. oats, 13 lbs. of meat cancels our account to date
Lumin Cooley, Cr. to 12 lbs. of beef balance over veal.
Jeremiah Morenus, dr. to v & m .75
Col. D. Wilcox, Esq., dr to v & m .75
D. W. Pearsall, dr. to use of wagon 3 days to Windsor, broke spring

20 Tuesday
Jeremiah Morenus, v & m .75

21 Wednesday no entry

22 Thursday
J. Morenus, dr. to v & m .75

23 Friday
J. Morenus, visited him, found him dying
George Monroe, dr. to v & m sent by B. self and wife 1.25
Tho. Casson, c & m for child .25
Lumin Cooley, dr. to extract tooth .15

24 Saturday
Mary Ann Martin, dr. to v & extract tooth 1.00
Isaac Hurlburt, dr. to Yellow Ointment .13

25 God's Day
Sidney White, dr. to vial creosote .25
D. Wilcox, Esq., venesention at my house .25

26 Monday
James Chafa, Cr. by one dollar cash
Trustees of school district cash $1.00 paid

27 Tuesday
Jonathan Woodward, cr. by 12 bu potatoes at 2/

28 Wednesday
Williams, dr. to burn ointment .13

November 1838 (continued) DB#1

29 Thursday
Sidney White, dr. to v & m 1.25
Hiram Watrous, Cr. by 4 bu. of wheat a 4/
Henry Manville, Cr. by 9 lbs. of honey a .16
John Freeman, CR. by 1/2 bu. corn at 7/

30 Friday
Col. A. Adams, dr. to 1 oz. of colchi .13
J. B. Frasier, dr. to ca, cousel, & m .25

December 1838

1 Saturday
Moses Coller, dr. to v, & obstetric case 4.00

2 God's Day
Tho. Blakesley, dr. to v & m .75 Paid

3 Monday no entry

4 Tuesday
Col. A. Adams, dr. to vial of liniment & vial of carb. am. .25
Edm. Merrill, Cr. by making mortar.

5 Wednesday
Benjamin Hill, dr. to 2 calls and m & cup 1.00
George Monroe, dr. to v & m 1.00
Harvey Trusdale, dr. to m at my house .25
Elder Storrs, dr. to 4 hours work by Mr. Yager.

6 Thursday
Col. A. Adams, to visit, accouch and attend 4.00
Adam Yager, cr. by shoeing one span of horses per Mr. Knapp 9/
By half day's work at plastering 4/

9 God's Day
Benjamin Hill, dr. to v & m in night 1.00

10 Monday
Col. A. Adams, dr. to 2 v, venesection, cup and med. .75

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December 1838 (continued) DB#1

11 Tuesday
Col. Adams, dr. to c & m .25
Jno. B. Allen, Cr. by note $ 8.00

12 Wednesday
George Monroe, dr. to v & m 1.50
Benjamin Hill, dr. to c, cup and m .50
Town of Colesville, Cr. by Treasurer's order $ 20.00

13 Thursday
Col. Adams, c & m .25
B. R. bought of A & A for which Allen took J.B.A.'s note

14 Friday
Paid Dort money I borrowed
German Doolittle, Cr. by 4 bu. of oats which balances account.

15 Saturday
Albert Adams, dr. to 3 v & m .25

16 Sunday
Albert Adams, dr. to c in the night .25

17 Monday no entry

18 Tuesday
Albert Adams, to visit in haste. Mr. Adams died. Staid all day and visited in night & m .50

19 Wednesday
Albert Adams, dr. to v & m for child .50
George Monroe, dr to v & m 1.00
Benjamin Hill, dr. to c & m .50

20 Thursday
Mrs. Adams, dr. to m and Mr. Adams was buried .25

21 Friday
Mrs. Adams, dr. to ca & m for self and child .75

22 Saturday
Lumin Cooley, dr. to S.S.N. (SLN) .13
Griggs or Driggs, dr. to v, m. and accouch 4.00

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December 1838 (continued) DB#1

23 Sunday
Mrs. Adams, dr. to 2 c and m .75
Asa Eldred, dr. to 2 c, venesection & M .50
Cr. by bundling at 1 cent per bundle
Cyrenius Bundt, dr. to v & m on cold night 1.50

24 Monday
Alvin Holcomb, Cr. by 2 bu. of wheat

25 Tuesday
Mrs. Adams, dr. to v & m at night .50
to v & m all day, child died 1.00
James Knox, dr. to v & m for wife 1.25
Jonathan Woodward, dr. to bitters for his father .13

26 Wednesday
Benjamin Hill, to v & m for child 1.25
Lumin Cooley, to 3 v. & m 1.00

27 Thursday
Benjamin Hill, v & m 1.25
Mrs. A. Adams, dr. to c & m .25

28 Friday
J. Crawford, Cr to tryutn of tartar and epsom .25
Christopher Pulver, Cr. by half ton hay
M. Merwin, Cr. by drawing a half ton of hayAs.
J. Chaffee, Cr. by 1500 wt. of hay delivered.
J. Rogers, Cr. by 33 yards of sheeting .33
J. G. Dodd, dr. to v, m, in night for wife 2.00 Cash 2.00

29 Saturday
Ackley Beeman, dr. to v & m for 2 children 1.50 Paid
Benjamin Hill, dr. to v & m for child .50

30 God's Day
O merchant, dr. to Creosote 2/6, ½ v dent 1/6 .50
D. Crofut, dr. to ether loz. asafoetidie 1/ .25
Julius B. Chaffa, dr. to extr. tooth .15
Benjamin Hill, dr. to v & m for boy all night 1.00

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January 1839 DB#1

1 Tuesday No entry

2 Wednesday
Went to see J. B. Watrous.

3 Thursday
Philip Mileus, dr. to v, m, cup 1.00
c & v. Colch, V Hem ol., Extract Val. .37
Hand. Pierce, Cr. by ½ bu corn 8/
Edgar Nickerson, Cr. half bu. corn 8/
Josiah Fowler, dr. to v, venesection, m, stormy night 2.00

4 Friday
Benjamin Hill, dr. to v, cup, & m 1.00
Harry Trusdel, dr. to v, m, for child 1.50
Benjamin Hill, dr. v, cup, m .75

5 Saturday 39 Years old
Asa Eldred, Cr. by pig, $ 3.00

6 God's Day
Ed Storrs per a school

7 Monday
Mrs. Adams, dr. to Bal Cap pills .13

8 Tuesday
Benjamin Hill, dr. v, cup, m 1.00

9 Wednesday
Robert Demarea, dr. to v, 2 venesections, m 24 hours 2.00

10 Thursday
Robert Demarea, dr. to v & m 1.25

11 Friday
Robert Demarea, dr. to v & m 1.25
" " Cr. by 4 fowl at 1/6
Fred B. Travis, Cr. by 4½ bu oats at 3/
Edgar nickerson, dr. to box of pills .15

31 Thursday
Dean of S. B., dr. to v & m 1.00
Miss Osborn, dr. to v & m at Mrs. A's .50
Turner Wasson to v 7, m, obstetrical in night 1.25

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February 1839, DB#1

1 Friday

Miss Osborn, c & m	.25	
Turner Wasson, v & m	1.00	
" " Cr. by 4 bu. of oats at 3/		12/
Laura went to Otego with N. P.		
Mary Birdsall, Cr. by cash $ 5.00		
Turner Wasson, dr. to v & m, evening	1.00	

2 Saturday

James Wasson, dr. to v & m & cup	1.00
David Waters, dr. to v, venesection and m	1.50

3 Sunday

Turner Wasson, dr. to v & m	1.00
George Hickox, dr. to v, extract Planta	2.00
Married by Elder Storrs	

4 Monday

J. K. Noble, Cr. by 6/	
Cr. by cash on T. Ch bill 6/	
Lumin Cooley, dr. to cash by cash lent by I Crawford $15.00	
John Carriel, dr. to v & a)	1.00

5 Tuesday

John Bishop, dr. to v & accouch	4.00
Charles Tyrrell, dr. to v in night	1.00

6 Wednesday

Charles Tyrrell, v all night	1.00
John Carriel, v & m	1.00
Collis Allen, dr. to c & m	.13
V, cup and m for wife	1.00
T. Wasson, v, venesection & m	
Wd Ruggles, dr. to v, m for daughter	.50

7 Thursday

J. B. Frasier, dr. to v and counsel	.37½
Hath Cole, v, m, venesection for wife	1.00
Ward Ruggles, c & m	.25
Barth Tyrrell, v, m, for boy	.75

8 Friday

Nath. Cole, v & m	1.00
J. T. Wasson, dr. to v & m	1.00
Wd. Ruggles, dr. to v & m for girl	.50
Barth Tyrrell in am, c & m	.25
pm v & m	.50
Isaac Van Valkinburg, v & m in night	1.25

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February 1839 (continued) DB#1

9 Saturday
J. T. Wasson, v & m 1.00
B. Tyrrell, 2 v & m .50

10 Sunday
J. T. Wasson, dr. to v & m 1.00

11 Monday
J. T. Wasson, v & cup 1.00
Asa Eldred, v, m, & accouch 4.00
Lumin Cooley, Cr. by $ 3.73

12 Tuesday
Thomas Casson, dr. to v & m for son 1.50
Josiah Fowler, dr. to vial Ol. Heml. .18
Town Meeting
Edwin Holcom, Cr. by oats .13
T. D. Church, Cr. by oats 5/

13 Wednesday
J. T. Wasson, dr. to v & m 1.00
Asa Eldred, dr. to c, venesection
and m for wife .50
Tho. Casson, dr. to v, m, for son 1.25

14 Thursday
Christ. Pulver, Cr. by half ton of hay 2.50
Masterson Merriman, Cr. by drawing ½ ton of hay 6/

15 Friday
Nathan Case, dr. to c & m .25
Cr. by 4/ to balance
Peter Bovee, dr. to v & m for child 1.00
Edwin Holcomb, dr. to v & m for child 1.00
Tho. Casson, dr. to v & m for child 1.00

16 Saturday
Edwin Holcomb, dr. to v & m 1.50
Asa Eldred, dr. to v & m .75

17 God's Day
Capt. L. Chafee, dr. to v & m .75

18 Monday
Capt. Chafee, dr. to v & m .75
James Saunders, dr. to v & m for child 1.25
All night, the 17th child 2.00
Capt. O. Merchant, dr. to v & m 1.00
Charles Tyrrell, v & accouch 4.00
Jno. Morrison, dr. to squills .06
Jno. Carriel, dr. to Vol. Linament,
Guiac & Bra. .25

February 1839 (continued) DB#1

19 Tuesday
R. H. Root, Dr. to v & m for child 1.00
Asa Eldred, dr. to v & m .50
John Bishop, dr. to c & m .50

20 Wednesday
John Bishop, dr. to c & m .50
R. H. Root, dr. to v & m .75
Asa Eldred, dr. to c & m .50
Andrew Brissee, dr. to v and dress leg 1.50
Wd. Ruggles dr. to v & m for child .75
School District dr. to ½ day inspecting Mrs. Scott

21 Thursday
Asa Eldred, c & m .50
O. Merchant, dr. to V & m for child 1.00
T. Chafee, dr. to c & m .25
J.T. Wasson, dr. to v & m & reduce prolapse 1.50
Andrew Brissee, dr. to c .25

22 Friday
Alonzo H. Lord, dr. to v & accouch in night 4.00
Samuel B. Monroe, dr. to v & m for child 1.25

23 Saturday
Stephen Wakeman, dr. to v & accouch 4.00

24 God's Day
And. Brissee, dr. to c & m .50
Lumin Cooley, dr. to 2 oz. cough drops .15

25 Monday
And. Merchant, dr. to v and attend 3.00
O. Merchant, dr. to v, c, & m .50
T. Chaffee, c, cup & m .75

26 Tuesday
Lumin Cooley, dr. to v & m .50
c night .19
Rich Root, dr. to v & m .75
Wix Waters, dr. to v at night, medical treatment 2.00

27 Wednesday
O. Merchant, dr. to v & m 1.00
Eben Pratt, dr. to v, venesection and m, in night 2.50

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28 Thursday

Rich Root, c & m	.25
Wix Waters, dr. to v & m	2.00
Andrew Brizzee, dr. to v and dressing wound	1.00
Col. Wilcox, dr. to c & 1 oz. S.S.N.	
O. Merchant, dr. to v & m in night	1.00

March 1839, DB#1

1 Friday

Collis Allen, v, venesection, m	1.25
To extract tooth for hired man	.13
J. T. Wasson, Cr. by 4½ bu. of oats a 3/	
Wix Waters, dr. to v & m	2.00
Eben Pratt, dr. to v, m, for wife and child	2.00
John Warner, dr. to v & m	2.00

2 Saturday

Wix Waters, v & m	1.00	
Eben Pratt, dr. to v & m	1.00	
John Warner, to treat throat	.50	Paid
Rhoda Warner to v from E.P. (Eben Pratt)	1.00	
David Waters, to vial bella	.13	

3 God's Day

Captain Chafee, to v & m	1.00
Andrew Merchant, dr. to v & m	1.00
Capt. O. Merchant, dr. to v & m	1.00
Col. D. Wilcox, dr. to v & m	.50

4 Monday

Benjamin Hill, dr. to 2 c, cup & m	.50
Wix Waters, dr. to v & m for son	1.50
E. Waters, daughter of W.W., dr. to c and emetic	.50
Eben Pratt, dr. to v & m	2.00
Sylvanus Merriman, c & m	1.50

5Tuesday

E. Waters, c & m	.25
Rhoda Warren, dr. to v from S. M.	1.00
Allinson Darien, dr. to c & m	.25

March 1839 (continued) DB#1

6 Wednesday

Steven Rogers, to v & open boil .25
T. Chaffee, dr. to v & m .75
A. Merchant, dr. to v & m 1.13
Sidney White, dr. to v & m for child 1.25
Cr. by cash $ 5.00. by 4 tin pill boxes

7 Thursday

J. M. Dickinson, dr. to v & accouchment 4.00

8 Friday

Capt. L. Chafee, dr. to c & m for wife and Sally .50
Amos Gates, dr. to v & m for 2 children 1.25
Cr. by cash $ .50
Collis Allen, dr. to v & m for wife 1.25
Cr. cash $9.00 on cow which pays $9.00 on John Scowton account
Rich Reed, Cr. by cash 5/ Bishop (collector?) deceased
Asa Eldred, dr. to mag for child .13

9 Thursday

Eben Pratt, dr. to v & m for wife 2.00
Sylvanus Merriman, dr. to v & m for wife 2.00
Josiah Fowler, to v & m for self and child 2.00
Joseph Waters, dr. to c & m for boy David .50

10 God's Day

David Waters at home.

11 Monday

James Knox, dr. to v & m 1.25
Eban Pratt, dr. to v &m, Dr. Cornel consultant 2.00
S. D. Merriman, dr. to v & m 1.50
Benjamin Hill, dr. to call .50
Mattson, dr. for m for wife .25

12 Tuesday

Went to Binghamton, attended grand jury, Dr. Barney's case.

13 Wednesday

Jon Woodward, dr. to m for father .25

14 Thursday

Eben Pratt, dr. to v & m 1.50

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March 1839 (continued) DB#1

15 Friday

George Miller, dr. to v, all night & m	2.00
am v & m	2.00
S. D. Merriman, dr. to v & m	1.50
David Watrous, dr. to medicine at Miller	.13
John Wyley, dr. to c, venesection, m of wife	.25
To Rhea and Mag	.25

16 Saturday

Fred B. Travis, dr. to v, venesection and m for wife	1.25
George Miller, dr. to v & m, all night	3.00
Benjamin Hill, dr. to wife	.18½
Benjamin Hill, dr. to m	.18½
S. D. Merriman, dr. to m at Miller	2.00

17 God's Day

Chr. Miller to Chronic Miller, to visit, venesection and medicine	1.00

18 Monday

George Wakeman, dr. to v for Dr. Knapp	1.00
George Miller, dr. to v, m, all night	2.00

19 Tuesday

Eben Pratt, dr. to v & m at Miller's	
S. D. Merriman, dr. to v & m from Miller's	1.00
Benjamin Hill, call and cup	.25
John Trusdel, c & examine leg	.50
John F. Bishop, dr. to c & m	.25
Peter Judd, dr. to v & counsel	.75
L. Cooley to Magn	.06
Sylvester Wilcox, Cr. by cash $ 5.00	
D. W. Pearsal, dr. to v, etc. for girl	.50

(On this day her drove with horses to 4 farm houses to see the sick.

4 came to his office
one to be cupped
one to pay $ 5.00
two to secure medicine

In the horse and buggy days, when all of the sick had to be seen at home, a doctor could scarcely see in a day what a modern doctor and staff see in one hour.

Remember, Dr. John D. Bancroft had no hospital to use, no nurses to help, no laboratory or x-ray. Single-handed, he had to deal with all medical problems as they occurred.)

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20 Wednesday
D. W. Pearsall, dr. to v etc for girl .50
Amy Collers, dr. to v, m, venesection, all night 1.50

21 Thursday
Fritz Smith, dr. to c & m for self and child .18
Mose Collars, dr. to cathartic .13
Joel K. Noble, Cr. by a fur hat for self
D. W. Pearsall, Cr. by use of horse to J. Hurlburts
T. Chaffee, dr. to v & m .50
Linus Allen, dr. to call and opening 2 abscesses .50

22 Friday
Benjamin Hill, dr. to v & m in night 1.25
Amy Collars, dr. to v, venesection, m 1.50
Peter Judd, dr. to v & opening sbscess for child 1.00
Lumin Cooley, dr. to 2 doz. val pills .13
Cr. by 7½ lbs. of veal

23 Saturday
John F. Bishop, Cr. of L½ bu. horse feed 8/
Col. Wilcox, dr. to c, venesection, m for mother .50
John Trusdell, dr. to v & dress, child .63

24 Sunday
John Trusdell, c & m .50
Andrew Merchant, dr. to v & m 1.00
Peter Bovee, dr. to c .25
Benjamin Hill, dr. to v, etc 1.00
Amy Collars, dr. to v, venesection, & m 1.50
David Mattoon, dr. to examine Rich and Linn .25

25 Monday
Amy Collars, to attend all night & all day, and consult with Dr. Cornel 1.50
v & m, night 1.50
George Miller, dr. to v & m for brother 2.00
Eben Pratt, dr. to v & m, venesection, from Miller's 1.00

26 Tuesday
S. D. Merriman, dr. to visit at Millers 1.50

27 Wednesday
Amy Collar, dr. to v and waited on Dr. for Medical consult 1.50

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March 1839 (continued) DB#1

28 Thursday
Josiah Fowler, Cr. by 2 bu. of oats at 3/8
27 lbs of sugar which balances his account to date
Josiah Fowler,c nc
Peter Judd, dr. to v & opening abscess .75
Wd. Morrison, Cr. by 3 bu. of potatoes at 3/
Morris Murwin, dr. to c, venesection .25

29 Friday
S. D. Merriman, dr. to v & m 1.75
Thom. Casson, dr. to c & venesection .25
Edward Holcomb, dr. to c & m .50
Ward Adams, dr. to Emplastim & c .25

30 Saturday
John Trusdell, v & dressing leg 1.00

31 Lord's Day
Stephen Frazier, v and all night till
2 pm the nex t day 1.50

April 1839 DB#1

2 Tuesday
H. Martin, Colesville School Commissioner
Cr. by Leach money $30.78
Library money 6.50 Paid
Took up my note of $ 140.00

3 Wednesday
S. D. Merriman, dr. to Tincture of cantharides 2/
Colombo Anth 1/ .37½
David Wedge, dr. to m and counsel for wife
Vil linn. box of pills, pd. Cath .63
Benjamin Hill, dr. to c, venesection
and m .50

4 Thursday
Luman Saunders, dr. to v & attend 4.00
Tho. Kasson, dr. to v & m at night 1.50

5 Friday
Ezra Crofut, dr. to v & accouch 4.00
Elisha Montgomery, dr. to v & m in
night 1.25
Morris Murwin, dr. to v & m .50

6 Saturday
Morris Murwin, 2 v and m .50
S. Frazier, dr. to v, m, venesection 1.25

April 1839 (continued) DB#1

7 God's Day
Morris Murwin, 2 v & m .75

8 Monday
Joel Wedge, dr. to v & m in night 1.25
George Wakeman, dr. to c & m .25
Morris Murwin, dr. to v & m .50

9 Tuesday
Morris Murwin, 2 v & m .50

10 Wednesday
Morris Murwin, 2 v & m .37½
Joel Wedge, dr. to m at my house .25

11 Thursday
Jacob Pulver, dr. to v & m 1.25
Morris Murwin, dr. to v & m .25

12 Friday
Morris Murwin, 2 v & m .50

13 Saturday
Morris Murwin, dr. to v & m .25
B. Tyrrell, dr. to c & m .25

14 God's Day
Morris Murwin, v & m .50
Calvin Handy, dr. to v, m, & accouch 3.50 Cr. cash 1.00
Sylvester D. Merriman, dr. to v, m, and cupping 1.50

15 Monday
Morris Merriman, dr. to v & m .25

16 Tuesday
Morris Merriman, dr. to v .37½

17 Wednesday
Alva Ruggles, dr. to v, venesection, m, all day 1.25
Charles Cady, dr. to v in night and accouch 4.00
Calvin Handy, dr. to M for wife .13

18 Thursday
Alva Ruggles, dr. to v 1.00
David Wedge, dr. to c & m .50
Stephen Watrous, dr. to c & m .50
George Wakeman, dr. to c with Dr. Knapp .50

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April 1839 (continued) DB#1

19 Friday
Morris Murwin, dr. to v & m .50

20 Saturday
Morris Merwin, v, m, pills .50
Israel Robinson, d & eye wash .13
S. D. Merriman, dr. to v & m 1.50

21 God's Day
Israel Robinson, to plaster .13
Lumin Cooley, dr. to box of pills .25
N. A. Noble, dr. to v & m for mother 1.00
Morris Merwin, dr. to v & m .25
Turner Wasson, dr. to tinct. Cantharides, pills, etc. for wife .50

22 Monday
Morris Merriman, v & m .25
" " at night .25
Orra Thompson, dr. to v & accouch 4.00
George Wakeman, dr. to c & pills .25
Wm. Hale, Cr. by one day's work

23 Tuesday
Morris Merwin, 2 v & m .50
H. M. Wakeman, dr. to emetic, dover's powders and cath .37½

24 Wednesday
H. M. Wakeman, Dov. powders, cath. .37½
William Keech, Cr. by 2 bu. of potatoes at 2/6
Morris Merwin, dr. to 2 v & m .50

25 Thursday
H. M. Wakeman, dr. to v, Dov. powders and cath .37½
Morris Merwin, dr. to v .50

26 Friday
H. M. Wakeman, v, emetic, Dover's powders, Cath. .37½
Morris Merwin, 2 v & m .50

27 Saturday
H. M. Wakeman, dr. to Dover's powders, Cath .37½
Morris Merwin, 2 v & m .50
O. Merchant, dr. to extr. 3 teeth .25
John Carriel, dr. to v & m in night 1.25

April 1839 (continued) DB#1

27 Saturday

H. M. Wakeman, dr. to Dover's powders, Cath.	.37½	
Morris Merwin, 2 v & m	.50	
O. Merchant, dr. to extr. 3 teeth	.25	
John Carriel, dr. to v & m in night	1.25	

28 God's Day

Morris Merwin, dr. to v	.25	
Jacob Pulver, dr. to v & m	1.25	

29 Monday

Bennett Welson, v and accouch	4.00	
Wd. Adams, dr. to v & venesection	.25	
Henry Judd, dr. to v & m for wife	1.00	(near Martins)
Wd. Adams, dr. to v & venesection	.25	
Morris Merwin, dr. to v	.25	
Sylvester D. Merriman, dr. to c & m	.25	
William W. Cowdery, dr to examination of finger	.50	
Enos Brainard, dr. to m for Merriman	.25	

(Saw 5 in the home.
Saw 3 in the office)

30 Tuesday

John Church, dr. to v, venesection, & m, all day	1.50
Collins Parsons, dr. to m at J. Church	.25
Sylvester D. Merriman, dr. to c & m	.25

May 1839 DB#1

1 Wednesday

Morris Merwin, 2 v	.50
D. W. Pearsall, v, venesection, m	.50
Wd. Adams, emplastum	.13
Bennet Welton, dr. to muriate, am, etc.	.25

2 Thursday

Morris Merwin, 2 v	.25

Judd, dr. to v & m for mother
Col. Ruggles, Cr. by 14½ lbs of spring steel. Returned.

3 Friday

Morris Merwin, dr. to 2 v	1.00

Israel Robinson, Cr. by work which balances all book accounts to date except for a mistake of 1.00
Wm. Keech, Cr. by two bu. potatoes

4 Saturday

Morris Merwin, v	.25

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May 1839 (continued) DB#1

5 God's Day

Morris Merwin, v	.25
Amy Collar, dr. to v & all night	1.50
Isaac Hurlburt, Cr. for horse keep and breakfast	

6 Monday

Morris Merwin, dr. v	.25
Stephen Wakeman, cr. to v & m for wife	1.00
George Wakeman, dr. to c & m	.25

7 Tuesday

Morris Merwin, dr. to v	.25
Adam Yager, dr. to m for wife	.25
Morris Merwin, dr. to v & m	.25

8 Wednesday

Morris Merwin, v & m	.25
Nathan Case, dr. to v & m in night	1.25
J. H. Handy, Cr. by plowing garden	

9 Thursday

Nathan Case, dr. to v & m for child	1.00
Cyrenius Bunt, dr. to v & m for child	1.25
Sylvanius Merriman, dr. to v & m for wife	1.50
Morris Merwin, dr. to v	.25

10 Friday

Morris Merwin, dr. to v	.25
Amy Collars, dr. to v & m	1.00
Harvey Trusdell, dr. to v & m from H	.50

11 Saturday

Morris Merwin, v & m	.25
Jerry Ketcham, dr. to v & m, eve	.50
George Collington, dr. to v & m in night	1.50

12 God's Day

George Wakeman, dr. to v & m	1.00
Dykeman, dr. to v, venesection & m, for old lady	1.00
John Porter, dr. to c & m for child	.25
Amy Collar, dr. to v in night & m	1.50

13 Monday

George Collington, c & m	.50
Fred B. travis, v & m for wife	1.25
Morris Merwin, dr. to v & m	.25

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14 Tuesday
Lumin Cooley, dr. to v & m for wife .50
Collins Pearson, dr. to m at my house .37½
George Wakeman, dr. to v with Dr. Knapp, consultant 1.00

15 Wednesday
Amy Collars, dr. to v & m 1.00

16 Thursday
Jesse Merrill, dr. to v & m in night 1.00
c & m in am .50

17 Friday
Jesse Merrill, dr. to v & m 1.00
Fluvia Beeman, Cr. by cash $3.75 per church

18 Saturday
Daniel Martin, dr. to v & m for child 1.25
Jonathan Woodward, dr. to v & m for father 1.00
John Cariel, dr. to truss for boy
David Matton, Cr. for 6 bu. potatoes @ .2/

19 God's Day
Jesse Merrill, dr. to v & m for girl 1.00
Amy Collars, dr. to v & m 1.25
James B. Frasier, dr. to use of wagon to Gilford
Lumin Cooley, dr. to use of wagon & mend spring 8/
Nathan A. Noble, dr. to v & accouch 4.00

20 Monday
D. W. Pearsall, dr. to v, venesection, m for wife .50
Went to Binghamton to Barney's trial
Daniel Martin, dr. to v & m for child .50

21 Tuesday
Amy Collars, dr. to v & m 1.00
S. D. Merriman, c & m for wife .50

22 Wednesday
Went to Binghamton again on Barney's trial

23 Thursday
D. W. Pearsall, dr. to v & m .50

24 Friday
Amy Collars, dr. to v & m 1.00

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May 1839 (continued) DB#1

26 God's Day
Wm. H. Birdsall, dr. to v & m for children 3.00

27 Monday
Wm. H. Birdsall, children , v, m 3.00

28 Tuesday
Wm. H. Birdsall, dr. to v & m for children 4.00

29 Wednesday
Philip Melius, dr. to v & m 1.25
Fritz Smith, dr. to c & m .25
George Wakeman, dr. to c & m .50

30 Thursday
Morris Merwin, dr. to v & m .25

31 Friday
Morris Merwin, dr. to v & m .50
J. Woodard, dr. to v & m for F. 1.25
Matton, Sr., dr. to v & med for wife, from Woodwards .50
Selah Dibble, dr. to v & m for wife
Mrs. Doolittle, dr. to m at 1.25
Dibble's .25

June 1839 DB#1

1 Saturday
Lumin Cooley, dr. to 1 doz. cal &rhei .12½

2 God's Day
Lumin Cooley, dr. to v & m .50
Edgar Nickerson, dr. to v, boy hurt .75
Extract tooth .13

3 Monday
John Whitcomb, dr. to v & m, Obstetrical, too late 1.50
Wm. Scowton, dr. to v & accouch. 4.00
Paid $2.00 for bridge at Nineveh for year

4 Tuesday
Amy Collars, dr. to v & m 1.00
Philip Melius, dr. to v & m 1.00
Cr. by 3 bu. of oats at 4/

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June 1839 (continued) DB#1

5 Wednesday
George Wakeman, dr. to call .25

6 Thursday
Robert Harper, dr. to v, venesection, m for M 1.00

7 Friday
Morris Merwin, dr. to c & emplastin .25

8 Saturday
Adam Yager, dr. to v & m 1.00
Robert Harper, dr. to v, cup, and m .75

9 God's Day
Cyrenius Bunt, dr. to v & m 1.00
James Turner, dr. to v, cup, and m 1.00
Jonathan Woodward, dr. to v & m for F 1.25

10 Monday
Robert Harper, dr. to v & m for Myra .75

11 Tuesday
Robert Harper, dr. to v & m .75
Ives, (north west), dr. to v & m for wife .75
Lumin Cooley, dr. to v & m for wife .75

12 Wednesday
Robert Harper, dr. to v & m dor Myra .75
Selah Dibble, dr. to v, m and pessary 1.25

13 Thursday
Philip Melius, v & m 1.00
Amy Collar, dr. to v & m 1.00

14 Friday
Robert Harper, dr. to v & m for Myra .75

15 Saturday
S. D. Merriman, dr. to Medical treatment and m to date 3.00
Wm. Bunt, Cr. by 3 lbs. of wool on sheep 00k
James Turner, dr. to v & m 1.00

16 Lord's Day
Sylvester Thompson, dr. to c, accouchment in night, Betts B. 4.00

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June 1839 (continued) DB#1

17 Monday
Wife went to Otego. Mary A. Pearse staid with me.
John Church, dr. to v & accouch 4.00
Collins Pearson, dr. to v & m for child at the store .50

18 Tuesday
Ackley Beeman, dr. to v & accouch 4.00
George Wakeman, dr. to v with Dr. Knapp .50
Robert Harper, dr. to v & m, evening .75

19 Wednesday
Morris Merwin, dr. to c & m .50
Cr. all around, 2 new shoes
S. D. Merriman, dr. to v & m from A.B. .75 (June 18)
(A. B. - Ackley Beeman)
Robert Harper, dr. to v & m for M. .75
Philip Melius, dr. to v & m 1.00
Cr. by 2 vials
Cyrenius Bunt, Cr. by 400 hundred weight of hay drawn by C. Handy
C. Handy, Cr. by drawing 400 lbs of hay from Bunts

20 Thursday
Nelson Blakeston, dr. to v & m .63
I was sick all day.
William Ketcham, dr. to v & m for wife 1.25

21 Friday
S. Dibble, dr. to v & m 1.25
Orrin Parker, dr. to v & m for wife 1.00
James Turner, dr. to c & m for D. .25
William Keech, Cr. by 1 bu. of potatoes 2/

22 Saturday
Asa Eldred, dr. to c & m for boy .25
Andrew Brissee, Cr. by 1 bu. of wheat 16/
J. F. Bishop, Cr. by 1 bu. of wheat 14/

23 Lord's Day
Fitch Smith, dr. to v, venesection & m 1.00
Pamela Nickerson, dr. to c, venesection &linament .25
Daniel Martin, dr. to Ta. Litt. & Extr. T .37½

June 1839 (continued) DB#1

24 Monday
D. W. Pearsall, dr. to v & m for wife .50
Took up my note held by Barnes for $ 20.00
Fitch Smith, dr. to v & m 1.25
Robert Harper, dr. to v & m for Myra .75

25 Tuesday
Went to Association (Baptist ?)

26 Wednesday
Nathan Birdsall, Cr. by 2 bu. of wheat as a present.
Staid all night with him.

27 Thursday
Lumin Cooley, dr. to 3 visits and m.
False "contractions" .75

28 Friday
Wd. Morenus, Cr. by one day's work 4/
Solomon Seymour, dr. to v & venesection,
and m for wife 1.00
Selah Dibble, dr. to v & m for wife 1.25

29 Saturday
Ashbel Holcomb, dr. to v & m for son 1.00
Edwin Holcomb, dr. to v & m for self
and wife, call .37½
Sylvanus Merriman, dr. to v & m for wife 1.00

30 God's Day
Benjamin Hill, dr. to c & Mag & emp
Shr (str) .25
Amy collar, dr. to v & m 1.00

July 1839, DB#1

1 Monday
Worked in my garden

2 Tuesday
Worked in my garden

3 Wednesday
Worked in my garden

4 Thursday
Stephen Hurd, dr. to v,venesection, m for J
1.25
Bradock Handy, dr. to vial of L.N.L. of
S.N.S. & liniment .50

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5 Friday
Stephen Hurd, dr. to v & m for son 1.25
Robert Harper, dr. to Nitrate of silver for M .13

6 Saturday
Daniel Potter, dr. to v, accouch and m 4.00
Stephen Hurd, dr. to v & m 1.00

7 God's Day
Benjamin Hill, dr. to, venesection and m 1.00
v in evening 4/
Stephen Hurd, dr. to v & m 1.00
Amy Collars, dr. to v & m 1.00

8 Monday
Benjamin Hill, dr. to v & m 1.00
Jesse Dodd, dr. to v & m, son 1.50
Major Camp, dr. to v & accouch 4.00
John Carriel, dr. to one pint best brandy 2/6 at Allen's
Andrew Brizzee, dr. to Diachylon at Allen's 4/
G. D. Simmons, Cr. by cash $35.00 per J. O. Birdsall per 0 ·50 cents deducted for postage

9 Tuesday
George Turner, dr. to m for wife at office .50
Ashbul Holcomb, dr. to c, etc. .25
S. D. Merriman, dr. to v & m 1.00
Nathan Holcomb, dr. to v &m for M .75
to pills .13
Enos Brainard, dr. to c & m for child .50
Benjamin Hill, dr. to v & m, all night and day 1.50

10 Wednesday
Titus Humaston, dr. to v & m for wife 1.25
Samuel Dickinson, dr. to v & m for wife at G. Blakesley .50 Paid
Stephen Hurs, dr. to v & m 1.00

11 Thursday
Lumin Colley, dr. to cash lent 5.00
Jesse Dodd, dr. to m at office .50

July 1839 (continued) DB#1

12 Friday
Jesse Dodd, dr. to v & m for child 1.50
S. D. Merriman, dr. to c and counsel .25
Samuel Monroe, dr. to m for child at B's .25
William W. Cowdery, dr. to c & m for child .37½

13 Saturday
James Shay, dr. to v, in night, venesection, m & ca 1.00
Deacon Martin, dr. to v, etc. 2.00

14 God's Day
William Leech, dr. to v & accouch 4.00

15 Monday
Benjamin Hill, dr. to v, m & cup in night. Mrs. Thompson present 1.25

16 Tuesday
Joseph Pike, Sr. dr. to L.L.N. or S.S.N. & cream of tartar pills .25

17 Wednesday no entry

18 Thursday
Hannah Clay, dr. to v & m ..50 Paid

19 Friday
Morris Merwin, Cr. by 2½ bu. of potatoes
By horse shoeing .61
B. Tyrrell, Cr. by mending M harness 3/

20 Saturday
Moses Collar, dr. to v & m 1.25

21 God's Day
Moses Collar, dr. to v & m 1.25
Harvey Trusdel, dr. to v & m 1.00
Joseph Pike, dr. fo v & m 1.00
to c in morning .50
Hiram Pike, dr. to c & m .50

22 Monday
Moses Collar, dr. to c & m .25
Lumin Cooley, dr. to $25.00 her borrowed as he started toUtica to pay his return or soon after. Paid $15.00 on the 27th.

S. D. Merriman, dr. to m .50
" " " Cr. by $10.00 paid on the Hilga land, B.A., No. 1074, 3 Nov. 1834

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23 Tuesday
Jen'd Chaffee, Cr. by $5.00 per Sally Broom, co. B. F. No. 10954

24 Wednesday
Joseph Pike, dr. to v & m 1.25
Harvey Trusdel, dr. to m, etc. at Pike's .50
Hiram Pike, dr. to c & m .25

25 Thursday
Orrin Parks, dr. to v & m 1.00

26 Friday
S. D. Merriman, dr. to v & m 1.00
Jeremiah Bodurtha, dr. to call and med. for wife and son .75
Alanson Darien, dr. to c & m .25
Lumin Cooley, dr. to emetic .13
Austin Barnes, dr. to v, m, venesection 1.00

27 Saturday
C. M. Ferris, dr. to ½ day, writing deed, etc.

28 Sunday
No entry

29 Monday
Pearsall, C., dr. to v & m for wife 1.13
John Crawford, dr. to v in night and Morphine 1.00

30 Tuesday
John Crawford, to 2 v's, and med and accouch 1.00
Matt S. Merriman, dr. to m for wife and extr. tooth for self .50

31 Wednesday
J. R. Pulver, dr. to dressing and pen. .50
Seymour, dr. to v & m for child .88

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August 1839, DB#1

1 Thursday

Seymour, dr. to c & m	.25
Daniel Martin, dr. to v & m for wife	1.25
Orrin Parks, dr. to v & m for wife	1.00
Selah Dibble, dr. to v & m	1.25
Dab Tyrrell, dr. to v & m	1.00

2 Friday

No entry

3 Saturday

Lumin Cooley, dr. to Sal., etc.	.11
George Miller, dr. to venesection, pills & Sal.	.50
Nelson Kelery, dr. to wagon to Windsor	.50

5 Monday

Morris Merwin, dr. to 2 c, venesection and M for wife	.50
to one c & m	.25
Credit by mending pail	
D. W. Pearsall, dr. to v in evening, c in am and m	.50
Seth Baker, dr. to m at my house	.25

7 Wednesday

Hamilton Pierce, Cr. by 2 bu. Potatoes

8 Thursday

Jerry Williams, dr. to v & m at Allen's	.75
D. W. Pearsall, dr. to v & m and accouch	4.00

9 Friday

D. W. Pearsall, to v & m	.50
James B. Frasier, dr. to v & m	.50

10 Saturday

James B. Frasier, dr. to v & m	.50
John B. Allen, dr. to v & m	1.00

11 Sunday

James B. Frasier, dr. to v & m	1.00
John B. Allen, dr. to v & m	1.00

12 Monday

James B. Frasier, dr. to v & m	.50
John B. Allen, dr. to v & m	.50

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9-13	James B. Frasier, dr. to v & m	.50
	John B. Allen, dr. to v & accouch	4.00
14 Wednesday		
	Asa Eldred, Cr. by drawing 2 tons of hay	
	J. F. Wasson, dr. to v &m all night for child	1.00
	All day to attend child	1.00
15 Thursday		
	J. T. Wasson, dr. to v & all night for child	1.00
	To attend all day	1.00
	Jack Pulver, to 2 reads, 58 b at 5¢	2.00
	28 b at 5 ¢	1.40
16 Friday		
	J. T. Wasson, dr. to v & m all night	1.00
	Levi H. Marsh, dr. to v & accouch, twin boys	5.00
	James B. Frasier, dr. to c & m	.25
17 Saturday		
	J. T. Wasson, to attend all day and night and m	1.00
	S. D. Morrison, dr. to Cream of tartar and L.L.N.	.25
19 Monday		
	S. D. Morrison, dr. to v & m for wife	1.00
	For one suppot for Lup	.25
	J. Bodarthy, dr. to c & m for wife	.25
20 Tuesday		
	Robert Harper, dr. to ext. act tooth for child .18	.18
	Dan Tyrrell, dr. to v & m for wife	1.00
	R. S. Turrell, dr. to St. plast for wife	.18½
21 Wednesday		
	Levi H. Marsh, dr. to v & m	1.00
	Dan Martin, dr. to v & m	1.00
	Orris Parks on Coles Hill, dr. to v & m for daughter	1.00
	Morris Merwin, dr. to v & m in night	.75
	to c in am	.25
22 Thursday		
	Joseph Pike, 2nd, dr. to v & m for wife	2.00

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August 1839 (continued) DB#1

23 Friday
John Crawford, dr. to 2 v & m 1.00

24 Saturday
John Crawford, dr. 2 visits, cup, venesection & m 1.00
Henry Hendrickson, dr. to v for child, died 1.50

Daniel Crofut, dr. to Deed.

25 God's Day
John Crawford, dr. to 2 v & m .50
Samuel Williams, dr. to v & m 1.25

26 Monday
L. D. Merriman, v & m 1.00

27 Tuesday
Benjamin Hill, dr. to c & m for wife .25
William Scowton, dr. to c & m for child .25

28 Wednesday
Ezra Hickox, dr. to v & m 1.00
Fred B. Travis, dr. to v & m 1.00
Julia Ann English, dr. to an emetic and c .13

29 Thursday
Lemuel Badger, dr. to v & m in am .50
pm v & m .50
eve v& m till 1:00 am .50
Julia Ann English, dr. to v, venesection and m 1.00
Benjamin Hill, cr. to v & m for wife 1.00
Adam Jager, dr. to c & m for boy .50
Joseph Pike, dr. to v & m 1.25

31 God's Day
Jerry Ketcham, dr. to v & m for wife 1.00
to 2 v's and m in night .25

September 1839, DB#1

1 Monday
Benjamin Hill, dr. to v & m 1.00
James Knox, dr. to v & m 1.00

2 Tuesday
William Brizzee, dr. to v & m 1.00
Evening and all night until
10:00 am 2.00

3 Tuesday
William Brizzee, v & m for child 1.25
Julia Ann Anglish, to c & m .25

4 Wednesday
William Brizzee, v & m for child 1.25

5 Thursday
Lumin Cooley, dr. to Emplatin .13
William Brizzee, dr. to v & m 1.25

7 Saturday
James B. Frasier, Cr. to 4½ lbs. veal
Cr. by account book 4/
Daniel Martin, c and tinct of & pt.
.25

9 Monday
William Brizzee, dr. to v & m all night 1.50
Fred Travis, dr. to c & m for child .25
Andrew Travis, dr. to v & m for Fred .50
Mons Dimarieh, c & paregoric .06
George Dixon, dr. to v, venesection,
m for wife at John Doolittle's 1.25

10 Tuesday
Lumin Cooley, Cr. by cash $6.00 paid to Merrill's
William Brizzee, dr. to v & m for child 1.00
Benjamin Hill, dr. to m for wife .25
Joseph Pike 2nd, c & m for wife
Tin Lytta 4 oz. 2/
Ton 1/
Emplastin 1/
Sach L /3

11 Wednesday
Benjamin Hill, v & m 1.00
William Shay, dr. to v & m from Hill's 1.00
Crawford, John, dr. to Dov. Cal. &
Cr. F .25
Harriett Scott, Cr. by $8.00 cash paid Merrell's
Oublick Money $7.78, .22 out of 8.00 paid to H. Bishop
Deacon Dort, Cr. by $3.00 borrowed and $1.00 over

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September 1839 (continued) DB#1

12 Thursday
Stephen Wakeman, dr. to v & m 1.25

14 Saturday
Hiram Discrow, dr. to v in night,
Obstetrics, too late 1.00

15 Sunday
Peter Dickman, dr. to v in night 1.25
Caleb Knox, dr. to c and counsel
for son .25
D. W. Pearsall, dr. to v, venesection
and m .50

16 Monday
S. D. Merriman, dr. to medical Treatment,
12 days 2.00
Medicine to take home 1.00
Benjamin Hill, dr. to v & m .50

17 Tuesday
Orrin Parks, dr. to Emetic & jalap .25
Attend the funerals of George Dixon's wife and old
Mr. Woodward's. William Brizzee's child also
interred.
Seth Baker, dr. to v & m for son 1.25

18 Wednesday
Perkins, dr. to v & m and accouch 4.00

19 Thursday
Sheldon Waters, dr. to v & m at night 1.25
pm 1.25

20 Friday
Sheldon Waters, to v & m and staid in
evening 1.25
Dr. Brownson was counseled

21 Saturday
Sheldon Waters, dr. to v & m in morning, staid
through pm. Dr. Bronson counseled again
1.25
Philip Melius, dr. to v, venesection
and m 1.25
Credit by one bu. of wheat
Moses Demarest, dr. to v & m for wife 1.50
Charles Demarest, dr. to m for child .15
James H. Goetchibs, dr. to v and
accouch 4.00
Truman Smith, dr. to pink & senna, Calom c,
.25

September 1839 (continued) DB#1

22 God's Day
Elder J. O Birdsall, Cr. by letter date 7th instant 3/

23 Monday
Joseph Pike, dr. to 4 oz. tincture Can.
Box of pills, syringe 1.00
Hiram Pike, dr. to 2 oz. tincture
and pills .25
Lumin Cooley, dr. to v & cupping .50
B. Kimball, dr. to v & accouch of
wife at Hale's 4.00
Fred B. Travis, dr. to v in night
& accouch 4.00

24 Tuesday
Lumin Cooley, dr. to c & emetic .25
D. W. Pearsall, dr. to c & cough drops .13

25 Wednesday
Benjamin Hill, v in night, m 1.25
Cr. by one bu. of salt

26 Thursday
Samuel (Orrin) Parks, dr. to extract
tooth .15
Martin Thompson, dr. to v & m for wife 1.00

27 Friday
Moses Collars, Cr. by 7½ bu. potatoes 21/

28 Saturday
Fred B. Travis,dr. to v & m 1.25
Henry Judd, dr. to call & m .50
Phillip Melius, dr. to v & m and
accouch 4.00
Asa Eldrege, dr. to v & m .75
Martin Thompson, dr. to c &m .25

29 God's Day
Orlando Merchant, dr. to v & attend,
24 hours accouch 4.00

30 Monday
Peter Judd, Cr. by 6 bu. potatoes @ 3/
Dr. to 1 oz. cough drops .13
Asa Eldred, dr. to call & m .25

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1 Thursday

Geoge Wakeman, dr. to v &m	1.25
Henry Judd, dr. to v & m	.75
Asa Eldred, dr. to c & m	.25
Bennett Wilson, Cr. by 3 bu. of oats	
Martin Thompson, dr. to c &m	.25

2 Wednesday

Moses Hinman, dr. to v & in night, Obstetric case	1.50
Edg. Nickerson, dr. to running after my knife	.13
Lumin Cooley, dr. c, m, & counsel	
Stephen Wasson, cr. by 2 bu. of apples	
Edmund Brown, cr. by order at Pearsall's on Edgerton Co., 5.50	
Daniel Barnes, dr. to v & m on son in night	.63

3 Thursday

Daniel Barnes, dr. to v & m	.50
Melson Kelley, dr. to v & m for child	.50
c in evening	.13
Elisha Montgomery, dr. to ride as far as Thom L. H.	1.00
S. D. Merriman, dr. to m for wife	1.00
cr. by 3 bu. of oats	

4 Friday

Daniel Barnes, dr. to c & counsel	.25
James Knox, cr. by 5 bu. of apples	
Edge Nickerson, Cr. by horse to keep	
My wife and boys went to Otego.	

5 Saturday

Benjamin Hill, dr. to v & accouch	4.00
Allison Darien, dr. to v & m	1.00

6 God's Day

Lumin Cooley, dr. to v & m	.50
" " "	.25
" " "	.25
Hamilton Pearce, dr. to v & m and accouch	4.00

7 Monday

Wm. May, dr. to v & obstetrical case	1.50

October 1839 (continued) DB#1

8 Tuesday
James Saunders, cr. by cash $ 5.00
dr. to 3 hooks for Crane
O. Merchant, dr. to v & m for wife
in night 1.25

9 Wednesday
Nelson Kelsey, dr. to v & m .50
Robert Harper, dr. to 1 oz. sol. N. Silver,
1 oz. tinct. Lytta .25
Morris Merwin, dr. to v, venesection
and m .50
George Turner, dr. to v & m for wife's
sister 1.00
O. Merchant, dr. to c & m for 2 children .50
Morris, Merwin, dr. to R. Watrous order 2.64

10 Thursday
Nelson Kelsey, dr. to 2 c & m .37½

11 Friday
Chauncey Blakesley, dr. to v & m , accouch
4.00
v & m NC
Orland Merchant, dr. to 2 oz. cough
drops .25

12 Saturday
C. Parsons, dr. to v, venesection, m
in night 1.50

13 Sunday
Geb Chaffee, dr. to v & m for Sally .88

14 Monday
Geb Chaffee, dr. to pills & s.s.nit. .13
Lumin Cooley, Cr. by cash borrowed $ 5.00
Also cash 3.00
I left $ 10.00 with Esquire Edgerton to be sent to
Dr. Mitchell of Norwich on my note.
Received my deed to 160 acres of land in Williams
County, Ohio, from David Farham via Elder
Birdsall per Mr. Leach of Coventry and $100.00
balance on Elder G. D. Simon's Note.
George Wakeman, dr. to c & m .25

15 Tuesday
Geb Chaffee, v & m for Sally .75
Julius Chaffee, dr. to v & m for son 1.00
Hill Wakeman, Cr. by 34 pumpkins @ 2 cents.
John B. Allen, Cr. by 1 bu. of potatoes

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October 1839 (continued) DB#1

16 Wednesday
Chester Parsons, dr. to v in night 1.50 Paid
Charles Demarrea, dr. to c & vial of tinct of iron & pills .25
J. H. English, dr. to c & m .25
Allen Olendorf & Co., Cr. to Cash $100.00 by note $100.00
Fitch Smith, Cr. by 2 bu. of turnips 5/

17 Thursday
Lumin Cooley, dr. to v & m .75
" " " NC
" " " NC
Daniel Barnes, dr. to v, c, counsel and m .50
Charles Tyrrell, cr. by 20 bu. potatoes @ 2/
Sylvaneous D. Merriman, dr. to v & m for wife .75
Chester Parsons, dr. v all night, accouch 4.00
D. W. Pearsall, dr. to c & cough medicine .25
Stephen Hurd, Cr. by 4 lbs. of beef @ 5 ¢

18 Friday
Enos Brainard, dr. to v & m in night 1.50
Phillip Melius, Cr. by 12 bu. of potatoes @ 2/
Hamilton Pearse, dr. to c & paregoric, 1½ oz. .13
Leafy Ann Baker, dr. to c, emetic and pills .25
Daniel Martin, dr. to tinct. Lytt, & m Lin Iron .25
Howell Merriman, dr. to T. Lytt & pd. Op & Iph .37½
Joseph Pike, 2nd, dr. to C Soap Ex, B Tinct. Lytt, M.G.I, and Sach Sat .75

19 Saturday
Ann Harper, dr. to v & m .50
Austin Barnes, dr. to v & m in night for wife 1.00
Geb Chaffee, dr. to c & m for Sally .50
Wd. Morenus, Cr. by pump logs @ 16/
Hamilton Pierce, Cr. by getting pump logs 6/
Asa Eldred, Cr. by drawing pump logs 10/

20 God's Day
Wrote to Elder Birdsall

October 1839 (continued) DB#1

21 Monday
Daniel Barnes, dr. to c & Uva Ursi .13
Tobias Saunders, dr. to v & m for son 1.50
Benjamin Hill, dr. to c & Mag, Paregoric, Lach Sat. .37½

22 Tuesday
Alvin Holcomb, dr. to v & m for child (run over by cart loaded with stones) 24 hours 2.00

23 Wednesday
Austin Barnes, dr. to c & m for wife .25
Jeb Chaffee, dr. to c &m for B & l .50

24 Thursday
Daniel Crofut, Cr. by ½ bb. of cider 8/

26 Saturday
Christel Parson, Cr. by cash to balance

27 God's Day
Edgar Nickerson, dr. to v, all day & m 1.00

28 Monday
Isaac Hurlburt, dr. to v & m for daughter, elbow dislocated 1.25
Calvin Handy, dr. to v & m 1.00
Luther Badger, Cr. by commencement of cow to pasture
Matterson S. Merwin, dr. to c & m, self and wife .50

29 Tuesday
Merwin, dr. to pills & M G at my house .25
Bradock Handy, dr. to c & cough drops .25
Benjamin Hill, dr. to Mag. .06
S. D. Merriman, dr. to v & m for child and wife 1.00

30 Wednesday
Calvin Handy, dr. to c & m .25
Cr. by use of horse to M
John Wilder, dr. to v & m to wife 1.00
L. Cooley, Cr. by 6½ lbs. of beef

November 1839 DB#1

1 Friday
Christopher Miller, to v & m, 24 hours 2.00
Baby swallowed a (penny) cent
Holcomb, detter to c & cathartic .25

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5 Tuesday
Ephraim Bunt, dr. to v & m at night 1.25
Saunders, dr. to Cal jal Drops and pills .38
S. D. Merriman, dr. to v & m, 24 hours 2.00

6 Wednesday
Geb Chaffee, Cr. by one day's work

8 Friday
S. D. Merriman, dr. to v & m 1.00
Austin Barnes, dr. to v & accouch 4.00

9 Saturday
John Watrous, dr. to v & extr. tooth .50
Bennett Welton, Cr. by 4 bu. of oats
Morris Merwin, dr. to v & venesection .38
evening v & m .38

10 God's Day
Morris Merwin, c & m .25
" .25
" nc
B. Kimball v & m for wife at Hale's 1.00

11 Monday
Morris Merwin, dr. to v & m .38

12 Tuesday
Morris Merwin, dr. to c & m .25

13 Wednesday
D. W. Pearsall, dr. to m for John Scowton

14 Thursday
William Holiburt, dr. to v & m 1.00 Paid
Lumin Cooley, dr. to c & pills .13

15 Friday
B. Tyrrell, dr. to wagon to hill .25
Isaac Hurlburt, dr. to v and attempt at reduction of elbow
William Hurlburt, dr. to c & m .25

November 1839 (continued) DB#1

16 Saturday
Joseph Pike, sr., Credit by order on Allen, $ 20.00
B. Kimball, dr. to v & m for wife .75
Eph. Bunt, dr. to v & accouch 4.00
Austin Barnes, dr. to v & m in night .75

18 Monday
Morris Merwin, Cr. by cash he had borrowed
Went to Green with Isaac Hurlburt and daughter to consult Dr. Farr.
Ezra Hickox, dr. to c & m for child .25

19 Tuesday
Traded horse with Lewis Horton
Austin Barnes, dr. to v & m for wife 1.00
Joel Wedge, dr. to v & m all night 1.50

20 Wednesday
George Wakeman, dr. to c & m .25
B. Kimball, dr. to v & m .75
M. Goechins, dr. to venesection .13 Paid

21 Thursday
Joel Wedge, dr. to v & m 1.25
Josiah Stevens, dr. to c & m & pills .50
Allen Olend & co., dr. to order on Pike 20.00
Took up my note $4.83

22 Friday
Joel Wedge, v & m 1.25
Nelson Kelsey, dr. to v, venesection & m .50
evening, v & m .50

23 Saturday
Joel Wedge, cr. to v & m 1.25
Nelson Kelsey, dr. to v & m, venesection 1.00
" " " nc
" " " nc

24 God's Day
Nelson Kelsey, dr. to v & m .50
" " " .50
Austin Barnes, Dr. to v & m 1.00
Isaac Hubbard, dr. to v & accouch 4.00

25 Monday
Joel Wedge, dr. to v & m 1.00

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26 Tuesday

Joel Wedge, dr. to v & m	1.00
Calvin Handy, dr. to v & m and use of catheter	1.50
Nelson Kelsey, v & m	.50
" " v & consultation with Dr. Bartlett	.50
Benjamin Hill, dr. to medicine at my house	.50

27 Wednesday

George Collington, Dr. to v & accouch	4.00
Calvin Handy, dr. to v & m and use of catheter	1.50
Nelson Kelsey, dr. to v & m	.50
William Pearsall of co ent, dr. to v in night, M Cyr, etc. till morning	2.00
A. Barnes, dr. to c & m	.25
Betsy Chaffee, dr. to extract tooth	.13
D. Stevens, dr. to extract tooth	.13
Wasson, dr. to venesection	.13
R. Butterfield, dr. to extract tooth	.13

28 Thursday

Joel Wedge, dr. to v & m	1.00
Calvin Handy, dr. to v & m and use of catheter	1.50
Nelson Kelsey, v & m	.50
" "	NC
L. Cooley, dr. to m	.15

29 Friday

Calvin Handy, dr. to v & m & catheter	1.50
William Pearsall, v & m	1.25
Josiah Stevens, dr. to c & m for wife	.25
Adam Yager, dr. to pills	.13
Benjamin Hill, v & m	.50
" " cupping	.25

30 Saturday

Nelson Kelsey, dr. to v & m	.75
" "	NC
" "	NC.

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1 Sunday
Benjamin Hill, dr. to v & cupping .50
Nelson Kelsey, to v .75
" " v NC
" " v NC
Calvin Handy, dr. to v & catheter 1.00

2 Monday
Nelson Kelsey, dr. to v & m .75
" " " NC
" " " nc

3 Tuesday
Josiah Steavens, dr. to v & m for wife 1.00
Calvin Handy, dr. to v and consult .50
Nelson Kelsey, dr. to v & m .50

4 Wednesday
Calvin Handy, c .25
Imri Holcomb, dr. to v in night,
obstetrical case 4.00
Credit by $ 5.00 cash
Enos Brainard, dr. to tinct L .3
Nelson Kelsey, dr. to v .25

5 Thursday
Nelson Kelsey, v & m .25
William Pearsall, dr. to v & m for wife 1.50
Joel Wedge, dr. to c & m .50
Josiah Steavens, dr. to c & m .25

6 Friday
Kelsey, dr. to v & m .25
Benjamin Hill, to c & m .25
Imsi Holcomb, dr. to v & m 1.00
S (L) D. Merriman, dr. to m and
medical treatment 1.00

7 Saturday
N. N. NOble, Cr. by 3 bu. of corn 18/ @ 6/
Scowton, dr. to 10 run of carpet yarn
N. Kelsey, dr. to v .25
Caroline Brown, dr. to v, venesection ,
& m st Kelley's .75
v & m all night .75

8 God's Day
Kelsey, dr. to v & m .37½
A. Yager, v & m for wife 1.00

9 Monday
C. Brown, dr. to v & m .75
M. Merwin, dr. to v, venesection & m .50
J. Hubbard, dr. to v & m for wife 1.00

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December 1839 (continued) DB#1

10 Tuesday
Caroline Brown, dr. to v & m at Kelley's 1.00
" " v evening 1.00
Collins Parson, dr. to v & m all night 2.00

11 Wednesday
Hiram Disbrow, Cr. by 3 lbs. of tallow @ .15
J. F. Bishop, Cr. by 2 bu. of wheat 2 10/
Amos Gates, Cr. by 2 bu. of wheat
Caroline Brown, dr. to v & m .63

12 Thursday
Caroline Brown, dr. to v & m .50

13 Friday
Ed Holcomb, Cr. by 4 lbs. 14 ozs. tallow
W. W. Cowdery, Cr. by 13 lbs. 9 ozs tallow at 1/ Balances all.
Caroline Brown, dr. to v & m .50

14 Saturday
Caroline Brown, dr. to v & m in evening .50
Nathan Case, dr. to v & m for child 1.00

15 Sunday
Caroline Brown, dr. to v & m .63
Nathan St. John, dr. to v & m .50
c & m, Laudanum 1 oz. & pills .25

16 Monday
Deacon D. Crofut, dr. to m for Calvin
Caroline Brown, v & m .50

17 Tuesday
Isaac Hubbard, dr. to v & m for wife .75

18 Wednesday
Carlos Holcomb, dr. to v & accouch 4.00
George Miller, CR. by 2 steel supports and 1 mop iron

19 Thursday
Caroline Brown, v & m .50
Eli White, dr. to v, m & accouch 4.00
Chaffee, dr. to 1 oz. laudanum .13

December 1839 (continued) DB#1

20 Friday
Sela Dibble, dr. to v & counsel .50
Caroline Brown, dr. to v & m .50

21 Saturday
John Wakeman, Cr. by one load of bark
2.00

23 Monday
Josiah Fowler, dr. to v & m, in night 2.00
S. D. Merriman, dr. to Soda, C Mag &
crot. oil .25
J. Bodortha, dr. to c & venesection .25
John Morrison, Cr. by trimming Supp 6/
Isaac Hubbard, dr. to v, etc. .75
dr. to a supporter 5.00
Caroline Brown, dr. to v & m .50

24 Tuesday
Collins Parsons, Cr. by one load of pine wood 7/
Chauncey Seymour, v & remove placenta 1.50

25 Wednesday
Caroline Brown, dr. to v & m .50
Doctor Monroe, dr. to v in night and
M. venesection

26 Thursday
Chauncey Seymour, v & m .75

28 Saturday
Chauncey Sewmour, v & m .75

30 Monday
Chauncey Seymour, dr. to m .25
Gave him a pair of old boots
T. E. Waller, dr. to 8 oz. of medicine .50
Baker, Cr. by cash 10/
Josiah Fowler, Cr. by 1½ bu. oats at 3/ .56
Ezra Crofut, Cr. by 50 bundles of straw 10/
Wm. Hale, Cr. by one day work
Edwin Holcomb, Cr. by cash $ 4.75

From the diary of John D. Bancroft, doctor.

Jalap
Alcohol
Caster
Columba
Cloves
Anise
Catechie
Magnesia
S.S Nitre
Ext. Capaiba
Tinct Murius Ferri.

Cream of Tartar
Camphor
Argentum Nitras
Arange p
Capsicum Ann.
Uva Ursi
Squill
Rhubarb
Sp. Ammonia
Oil Olive

oz ½ Sulp Morphia 88 5/

2 Bott Croton Oil 3/6
Calomel 8/, 14/ 16/
1 Aqua Ammon 1/6
Ol. Olive 12/
Sal. Nitr 1/
oz j Ex. Belladon 2/
oz ½ Kreasote 16/, 10/, 4/
1 lb Fol. Senna 4/6, 2/
1 Episp, emp 9/, 8/, 2/
Pulv. Glucy 2/
1 Extr Glycy 2/
1 qt. Alcohol 9/
2 " Pix Bergunday 1/3
oz ii Chr. Antn.Tart 10/
1 grass of vial corks 1/6
oz iip Argent nit 10/
1 lb Sal. Epsume @ 10c
1 lb Magnesia 5/ 3/6, 4/
1 lb Rhad. Columbo 2/6
1 Sem Anise 2/9
1 Squills 2/. 1/
1 Carb Ammonia 4/ 3/
1 oz oil of pepperment 3/6
1 oz " " cloves 1/3
1 lb Gum Arabic 3/, 4/
1 lb Asaphetifae 1/8, 3/6
1 Cubaba 3/
1/4 lb Nutmeg 16/, 14/
Comp Spirits of Lavender 4/
Catheter female 8/
Ext. Gentiana 6/
Sallack /3
Blue mass 12/

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½ lb ~~Morph~~ Opii (Turk)
39/ 40/ 32/ 32/
2 lb P. Jalap 5/, 5/6, 8/
½ lb Spr. Nit. D. 1/6
2 Spr. Ammon. 1/6
4 lb Cr. Tart. 2, 2/3, 3/
1 Sulf Pottash 2, 2/6
½ lb Ext.Valerian 24/
1 lb Rhii Radix 5/6, 12/, 5/
1 EmpHydr Mit 8/
1 lbGum Camph 7/. 10/
1 Pulv Ipicac16/ 11/, 10/
½ lb Copaiba 2/
1 Potassium tartrate 6/
1 lb Crit. ppt 1/8
1 gross of vials 22/17
¼ ExtrColocymth 32/
1 female syringe
1 lb Tartaric acid 7/, 5/
1 lb Sulfuric Ether 8/
1 Clovrd 4/
1 Uva Ursi 2/
ox i Tinc. Mur. Ferri 3/6
1 oz oil Anise
" " Cinamin 1/3
" " hemlock /6
2 Cup & Soda 3/.4/6/, 2/
1 lb Acetas Plumbi
i oc Castor 8/
Angustura
Catheter male 12/
Rab. Gentiana 1/, 1/6
Evans Lancet 6/
Glyceriza 8/
Elastic gm f 2/6

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¼ lb Calomel 16/, $0.50
½ " Rad m Ipcacuna .63
½ lb Opii Turkey32/ 2.00
1 Bot. Oil Olive 4/
Ext. Val.
1 Emplastum episp 9/
1 Gross vial corks 1.25
1 lb Squills 1/ .13
2 lb Gum arabic
1 lb Red Gentian
1 Evans Lancet
1 oz Oil of Worme Seed
1 Gross of vial corks 3/
1 lb Oil organum 11/
Hydrated peroxide of iron

Antm.Tart. Chh. 16/ .50
1 oz Sul Morphia
½ lb Dp. Anit.Dulc 1/3
2 lbs Cr. of Tart 3/ .75
½ lb. Rad. Rhii 8/ .50
1 Gm Camphora 1.25
1 lb Magnesia 14/ .50
½ lb Tr. Mur. Ferri 3/ .28
2 lbs Sup C. Soda
i lb Ext. Gentian
1 bot oil organum 1.38
1 lb Quassia 3/
1 oz Oil of Simonis 2/3
Nicarb potassia
Cedron nut.

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L lb Bicarbonate potassia
1 lb Carb. Ammon 3/. 4/
Vinum colchica
1 lb Tart, scid 5/, 7/
1 lb Magnesia 3/6 to 5/
Pink R. 10/
Hydrated peroxide of Iron
1 bot. Croton oil
1 Gm Arobic
1 Evans Lancet. 6/ 8/
1 oz Oil peppermint 3/6
1 oz Lunar Caustic 10/
1 lb Emp hydrarg 8/
2 lb Pink Root 10/
1 Gross 4 oz vials 22/
1 gross of corks to fit.
½ oz Red precipitate

Oil Amber
Extr. Glycer 2/
2 lbs Sup & Soda 2/, 4/6
2 lbs P. Rheii (good) 5/6, 6/ 8/
4 lb gluaiac ¼ 2/6
Pactucarum
1 oz Benzoic acid 4/6
2 lbs S Aloes
¼ lb Ext. Valeria 24/
1 bot. Sulph. Ether 8/
1 lb Myrrh
½ lb phophorus 36/
1 lb senna 2/, 4/6
1 gross assorted vials
1 oz Oil bergonum

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1 lb C Ammonia 2/
1 lb Tr. Acid 4/6
1 lb C Magna 2/6
2 lb. Gum arabic 2/3
1 lb Murrh

2 lbs S.C. Soda
2 lbs P Rheii 4/6
4 lbs Gum Guiac 2/3
2 lbs Gum Aloes
2 lbs pink root.

Dr. John Demarest Bancroft, 47 years, Otego.

2 Fri. DB#1; is Day Book #1 has entries by J.D.B.

3 Sat. "Milo Smith dr. to one load of hay drawn from our meadow .50
2 acres of grass $7.50 dr.
To drawing one load of hay from Trasks meadow 25
to use of horse to Lawrence nearly 3 days .75
to 1¼ lbs of butter 13¢"

13 Tue. "DB#1 Ransom Shepherd dr. to 1½ bu buckwheat 5/
1 bu corn at 5/
T. Hyde dr. to 1 bu of corn 5/
Milo Smith dr. to horse one day to plant corn."

14 Thur. "Made road to barn. Milo Smith dr. to horse one day to plant corn. dr. to horse to Sand Hill and 1 bu potatoes at 2/6
Sam Smith dr. to use of wagon.
George M. Cole dr. to use of horse pedling. for 2 weeks"
Total £ 4.L5

23 Fri. "DB#1 Ransom Shepherd to use of wagon to William Shepherds 2/"

24 Sat. "DB#1 Ransom Shepherd to wagon to Franklin."

25 Sun. "DB#1 George M. Cole dr. to Horse to Gilbertsville 2 days."

26 Mon. "DB#1 dr. to ½ bu potatoes 2/6 Harry Hunt dr. to 1 bbl pork per agreement at the time $16.00. Credit by cash $10.00
Sundries $6.00."

27 Tue. "George Shepherd to horse keeping 9 days 50¢
Ransom Shepherd ½ bu potatoes 31¢
1½ bu barley 75¢
1 bu rye 63¢
1 lb 2 oz butter 13¢"

30 Fri. "DB#1; T. Clyde to use of wagon to Oneonta."

31 Sat. "DB#1; David Shepherd dr. to pasturing 6 yearlings one week."

HAVING RETIRED FROM PRACTICE IN 1844 BECAUSE OF ILL HEALTH HE, AT THIS TIME HAD AN INTEREST IN A LIVERY STABLE. HORSES, WAGONS, HARNESS WERE RENTED. PASTURE FOR HORSES, CATTLE OR SHEEP WAS AVAILABLE FOR RENTHE BEGAN HIS CAREER AS AN ITINERANT SCHOOL MASTER AT 15 AND WAS QUITE EMANCIPATED FROM THEN ON. AS MEDICAL STUDENT HE INTERUPTED HIS STUDIES TO TEACH SCHOOL AND PAY HIS OWN WAY. AS DOCTOR HE OPERATED A FARM SO HE COULD ACCEPT BARTER. HE ALSO ACCEPTED NOTES. HIS NOTE FILE WAS LIKE THAT OF A SMALL BANK. HE ALSO LOANED

LOANED MONEY. HE PLAYED THE ROLL OF BANKER AS HE PURSUED HIS PRACTICE. HE BOUGHT AND SOLD FARMS AND FINALLY HAD AN INTEREST IN IN A LIVERY STABLE.

QUITE IN CONTRAST TO HIS FATHER, OSCAR PERMITTED HIMSELF TO ACQUIRE MORE AND MORE INDEBTEDNESS UNTIL HE WAS BANKRUPT. OSCAR WAS FINE APPEARING, HAD MANY FRIENDS, WAS ELECTED TO PUBLIC OFFICE AND WAS A COMMUNITY LEADER BUT AT A TIME WHEN HE WAS DOING WELL HE BOUGHT LUXURIES INSTEAD OF RETIRING DEBTS.. OF EOURSE OSCAR HAD HIS FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES IN THE TRESTFUL ECONOMIC TIMES EOLLOWING THE CIVIL WAR WHEN MANY MERCHANTS FAILED. BUT ONE GETS THE IMPRESSION THAT HE LACKED HIS FATHER'S THRIFT AND FINANCIAL GENEQUS.

P.M.B.

Dr. John Demarest Bancroft, 47 years, Otego

1 Sun "DB#1; Ransom Shepherd dr. to 4 qts. of salt."

2 Mon "DB#1; George Shepherd c. by drawing rye one day."

3 Tue "DB#1; George Shepherd dr. to 3 bu of corn on the job of binding rye. To one bu corn to grind. Cr. to ½ day work at binding rye and ½ day drawing rye."

4 Wed. "DB#1; Cr. to drawing 3 loads of grain from his field to my barn. (Isaac Cole)"

5 Thur. "DB#1; George Shepherd d. by drawing rye."

9 Mon. "Ransom Shepherd commence horse pasture. Continue cow pasture Milo Smith to commence horse pasture."

10 Tue. "DB#1; John A. Fowler dr. to 2 bu. of corn at 4/6"

11 Wed. "DB#1; Squire Baldwin dr. to 1 bu. corn at 5/ 13/4 tbs butter 1/ "

12 Thur. "DB#1; George M. Cole dr. to horse to Fort Plain twice 6½ days. $1.88 To harness and wagon to draw 2 loads $2.44 To Oscar (Wm. Oscar Bancroft) once to Fort Plain $1.75 To cash 11/ Oscar spent on road. George Shepherd dr. to commence horse pasture, his bayhorse. Being 3 weeks due on horse pasture."

13 Fri. "DB#1; dr to ½ day mowing."

14 Sat. "DB#1; Oliver Birdsall dr, to ½, day mowing."

16 Mon. "DB#1; Shepherd (George) by mending ch 5¢"

19 Thur. "DB#1; Milo Smith to keep cow to date."

21 Sat. "DB#1; Oliver Birdsall dr, to 2 cu of corn at 4/6 ."

23 Mon. "DB#1; George Shepherd dr. to one week pasture for horse. Dr. from keeping mare from Saturday till Monday noon."

24 Tue. "DB#1; Stephen Bundy dr. to keeping sheep three days. Dr. to one cow to pasture with heifers."

30 Mon. "DB#1; George Shepherd dr, to one week pasturing horse."

1 Wed. "DB#1; George Shepherd cr. by one days work plowing."

2 Thur. "DB#1; George Shepherd cr. by ½ day work by Delos."

3 Fri. "DB#1; George Shepherd cr. by 2 hours work by Delos."

4 Sat. "DB#1; Squire Baldwin Dr. to 1 tb butter at 1/
Oliver Birdsall cr. by oxen to plow.
By self and team.
1 day work craddling. 13/4 day mowing.
George Shepherd cr. by horse to draw two loads of oats."

7 Tue. "DB#1; cr. by use of horse 6 hours."

8 Wed. "DB#1; cr. by use of horse all day."

10 Fri. "Milo Smigh dr. commence cow keeping."

14 Thur. "Milo Smith 1 lb butter dr 14¢"

18 Sat. "Milo Smith to commence cow pasture."

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1852 April 1

MOVED MY FAMILY AND EFFECTS TO HARPURSVILLE, TOWN OF COLESVILLE, COUNTY OF BROOME, AND TOOK POSSESSION OF THE LUTHER BADGER PROPERTY, CONSISTING OF A DWELLING HOUSE IN THE VILLAGE, A LAW OFFICE, BARN, ETC. ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE ROAD AND A FARM OF 100 ACRES FOR WHICH I AM TO PAY $4,300.00, HAVE PAID $100.

October 1, 1852. Friday.

Doctor John Demarest Bancrof6t, Harpursville, 52, Credit 1.63 183

David Harper v.& m. 1.50
Ruggles blanket credit 6¢ ~~127~~
Mrs. Fanny Crawfrod gave note on account $50.00

Small Account Books Goods for store

Leather mittend	20.50
Tabacco	4.25
Ream of mapping papaer	1.00
Stone ware	13.83
Candles	12.63

2 "Sold to L. Guy 2 acres of ground for $200.00 cash.
Paid to Frasier 63¢ for acknowledgement of deed. Luther Ruggles Esq. paid him $200.00 on my note
A. W. Alvord 3 lbs of butter paid 40¢
4 Mon."Josp Welson cash $50.00, gave my note for $50.00
Took up Wilcox and Patrick note on which I paid $3.00 int.
J. E. Wellson apples 1 bu 19¢
Wilcox and Patrick dr. to $3.00 interest paid on their note for $50.00 Henry Merroll subscription for meeting house.
5 Tue." D.F. Leach cr by 2 bu of buckwheat 64¢
Drew a contract with Brizzee for the taking of my farm for one year.
6 Wed."Went to Greene staid all night with David Wilcox, Esq. Rathbone and thurber by 621.81 to balance the note I held against them with interest."
8 Fri."Bush and Co., $300.00 to be applied to cancel the amount I borrowed before I went to N.Y. City. The balance of $320 to be paid me when My bank note at Unadilla becomes due. on the 10th of December." Arthur Vossburg to assist with team to draw out 2 Jaggs of hay."
9 Szt."Went to Covenant meeting on the Hill."
Sam Martin $5.00 paid at schoolhouse to be applied on meeting house subscription."
10 Sun." Communion on Martin Hill
11 Mon."I borrowed $60.00 of R. Rush company for 90 days.
xAllexander Merwin set one shoe.
12 Tue."Paid quarterly dues 20¢ Kelley cr. for 9 bu. of apples $1.00
14 Thur."William S, Grannis by setting three shoes cr $1.25
Loaned #1.25.
15 Fri. Went to Coventry, attended meeting of the Sons. Snow Phillips and Sons cash on butter account $20.00
16 Sat,"Went to Oxford, expense 20¢ Bought of Clark and Sons and Barth a load of flour and salt, $43.25, Wm.O.Bancroft dr to drawing load of flour from Oxford $3,00. Tall 16¢
17 Sun."Sick all day. Did not go to meeting
18 Mon."JohnAllen cr, by one peck of pairs traded at store,
22 Fri."Andrew McFarlan cr, by half days work digging potatoes.
A. Casson paid his note for $13.97
D.W.Russel dr. to horses to South Bainbradge.."

23 Fri."Isaac Hurlburt dr to tannin 13¢. Paid $1.00 for Mary Catharines miniature. D.W.Pearsall by one pair of shoes for Mary Catharine 70¢. David Wedge contributed $1.00 toward meeting house. I have applied an knterest on Williams note I took up. McFarlan dug 14 bu potatoes in ½ day.
25 "Went to Nineveh, gathered apples, drawed wood. In the eve heard Rev Mr. Andrews of Binghamton speak at the Baptist house on the Maine Law question. Rev. Alvah Wheeler came here, night.
27. "Settled with H.P.Birdsall. His note $20.00, int. $1.13. Traded haying craddle for $2.00 worth of potatoes. Sold him my grain cradle for $2.00 leaving a balance in my favor of 1/ which he paid in cash."

Dr. John Demarest Bancroft, 52, Harpursville.
3 Wed."A. W. Alvord cr. by ½ days work (50¢) husking corn." 129
4 Thur."A.W.Alvord cr. by buttons 8¢ And 1 days work husk= 185
ing corn $1.00
5 Fri."D.W,Pearsall horse to South Bainbridge.
J.F.Bishop cash for butter 63¢
G.D.Philips 292½ pounds of butter at 15¢, 43.87½
H. A. Olendorf cash for pigs $5.40
6 Sat."A. W. Alvord ½ days work husking corn 50¢
D.W. Pearsall to horse to Ketcham's Corners at Greene to Quarterly Meeting.
7 Tue." Horse to Page Brook 2 days."
8 Mon."Corn crop 40 bu.
Spotted calf died of black leg or blind staggers, sudden.
William Brazzee, renter, 18 lbs of mutton to pay for borrowed veal.
9 Tue."A.W.Alvord dr to 3½ lbs of mutton at 4¢ ½ lb butter 20¢
10 Wed."H.P.Birdsall and sonstaid with us last night.. Albert Sone for pasture of Oxen at Tyrrells. D.W. Pearsoll dr to horse to Binghamton."
11 Thur."A.W.Alvord dr to 2½ lbs of butter
15 Mon."Center Village bridge toll 14¢
16 Tue."R. Young loaned $3.70 Peter Stevens to use of wagon settled . D. W. Pearsal to drawing 11 bu of corn in ears (4bu of Mayo's and 7 bu of Knox)
17 Wed."Wm. Oscar Bancroft dr to use of horse to Binghamton. He and Joseph Stevens to the Hastings concert at Binghamton. Holcomb dr to v and removal of placenta. He furnished horse both ways. Cash $1.50
18 Thur."Jacom Miller c & m 25¢
Steven Wasson cr by mending Oscars boots 50¢
Harvested 4 bu. Carrots, 2½ bu of onions, 2 bu beets. One beet weighed 10lbs.
19 Fri,"W.Alvord 2 days work 1.25
Alvin W. Alvord dr to horse to Marsh's 14¢
3 pound of butter ¢ 20¢ 60¢
21 21 Sund."Daniel Kelley horses and wagon to Binghamton 2.00
22 Mon."Albert pratt dr to Heifer calf $2.00 Paid in buckwheat $2
Peter Dykeman 2 bu Ear corn.
Daniel Beeman returned load $1.00
23 Tue." Had ground 12 bu ear corn for feed. 4½ bu rye. 1 bu corn for meal. Grinding paid 80¢
24 Wed."Wm. Oscar Bancroft cr by cash $3.75 and by paying for oats 6.05
25 Thur."Thanksgiving. Eld Leach preached.
26 Fri."Jacob Miller v & m all night 1.25
27 Sat."William Brizzee tenant dr. to assit in putting up stove pipe. cr. by assisting in ch ores.
William Gannis cr by repairing stove 20¢
by mending shovel 25¢
Peter dykeman ½ days work by killing hogs 50¢
29 "Peter Dykeman, one shote 110 lbs at 5¢ 5.50
Wm Oscar Bancroft cr. by corn 75¢
William Brizzee by buck hogs 1 day
30 Brizzee by one days work on the road. $1.00

Doctor John Demarest Bancroft, Harpursville, 52, Wm Brissee
Cr. by working on road in afternoon 50¢ 131
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Goods purchased for the store, small account book.
A. E. Pratt Arithmetics 1.63
Brads & Hall School books 4.45
Singing books 8.50
Tobacco 4.94
Candles 4.78 Yankee Notions 1.25
211 yds of sheetings 21 .00
1 "A.W.Alvord dr to 2 lbs of butter 25¢
William Brizzee, self, teeam and wagon worked on "oad.
Brizzee cr. by $1.00
3 Fri."W. Brown drew dung in Am. Self and team assisted him in drawing wood from my woods."
4 "Bought 15 bu of ear corn from Freeman at 2/6 cash $5.00
Received of Sy vester Wilsox on S. Bunts subscrition to meet= ing house $3.00 which I keep as the interest I paid Welton and Patrick."
5 "S. P. Dykeman one days work digging stone. .75
6 "Brizzee and self and Oscar plowed his garden and drawed stone in yard.
7 Tue."Brizzee and self drawed one load of wood for me and the fence posts. Worked half day on road by home."
8 Wed."Drawed one load of wood.
9 Thut."Brizzee and self drawed one load of dung on the garden and plowed it. R. Bush paid me their note for $384.40
Went to Greenville to bank, staid all night with H.P.Birdsall.
E. Patrick by cash $375.00
10 Fri."G.F.Hard cr. by repair of Mudges sulky spring 50¢
Unadilla Bank paid my note of $8.00
Fairchild and White cr. by cash $7.00 on lumber."
11 Sat."Received on N. Morenus subscrition to meeting house $1.
Brizzee helped me fix horse rach. Joe Merriman by 2 barrells and one peck cr. 2.13 Wm. O.Bancroft by one firkin and four pounds of nails
12 Lords day."Charles Gilbert dr to c & m for wife 50¢
13 Mon."Elias Patrick bought 118 lbs of beef @5¢ $5.90
William Brizzee 108 " " @4¢ 4.32
William S. Gramms 112 " " " 4.48
William Brizzee cr. 1 days work 1.00
Peter Dykeman assisting in butchering on beef 50¢
Albert Stone dr to beef hyde 63½ lbs @ 4¢ 2.54
Stone cr. by sink 31¢ to kittle dr 13¢
14 Tue."Henry Rates cr b one pair of stone boat plasts # +2 joi
15 Dec."William Btizzee dr to a cow $16.00
17 Fri."Traded the stags with Olendorf, paid him $10. to boot.
Rogers cr by cash $20.00
18 Sat."Charles ilbert c & m for wife 50¢
J.F. Bishop by repair of sleigh cr. 50¢
19 "William S. Grannis cr by mending whiffle tree
by mending iron wedges.
by sharpening and setting 6 shoes
by repairing sleigh.
20 Mon."Attended Mrs Merwins funeral
21 Tue."John F. Bishop dr to my drawing one load of wood.
William Brissee cr by 50 bundles of straw
A. E. Alvord paid 45¢ for butter.
24 Fri."Patrick to pay 100 on he E. Patrick account to be paid to H. Edgerton to satisfy $100.00 I borrowed.
26 Sunday."Homer Slocumb dr to v & m for child. 1.25

Joseph Merrill dr to V & m from Holcombs. 50¢
27 Mon."Homer Holcomb v & m 1.25
Charles Gilbert v & m for wife 1.75
Christopher Miller dr to c & m 25¢28 Tue."Homer Holcomb v & m all night 1.50
August ilbert c & m at night 50¢
30 Thur."Homer Holcomb v & m all night 1.50
Paid my tax $9.56 + 20¢ 9.76
31 Fri."Albert Stone cr. by iron eye. Yauger and Miller by setting and sharpening one shoe. Brizzee and self got one load of wood.

From the Daybook of Dr. J. D. Bancroft at the

Height of his career in Harpursville, New York.

His terminology-

v.- visit -he went to the patient's home

v and m - He went to the home and provided the medicine

c - Called at the doctor's home. In 20th Century usage we speak of house calls and office visits. But in his day this was reversed.

Cup - Cupping.

Accouch - Accouchment - French for Obstetrical case. French was popular at that time

Venesection - bleeding.

Attend - same as accouchment - Obstetrical case.

It is noteworthy how often he stayed all night. There was no hospital, no nurses, so he met the entire needs in each case.

Scarify - To make incisions through the skin to which a cup is applied to draw out blood or fluid. Cupping.

Remove placenta - Many obstetrical cases were attended by relatives or midwives who at times were unable to deliver the placenta.

Barter - he accepted cows, farm impliments, hay, grain, labor, etc in liew of money. He had to operate a farm in order to succeed.

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January 1853.

1 Saturday
Holmer Holcomb, v & m for child 1.00

2 Sunday
Agent of A & FB Society.

3 Monday
Morrison, dr. to 1.00 for Gate F. _____
DeLos Hinman, v, m, venesection 1.25

4 Tuesday
Dr. Guy, Cr. for $ 2.00 worth of pills
Elder Leach, m 2.00 cash

5 Wednesday
Self and Brizzee (tenant farmer) drawed 2 loads of wood.

6 Thursday
David Watrous, v & m, all night 1.50
Almeron Merrill, v & m for boy 1.00
Attend George Crofutt's funeral.
(Note: George Crofutt was son of Platt Crofut, a brother of Melinda Crofut, who married Samuel Martin, parents of Clora Amanda Martin, who married Dr. John D. Bancroft's son, Wm. Oscar Bancroft.)

7 Friday
Almeron Merril, c & m .25
Henry Merrill's, v & m 1.00

8 Saturday
Henry Merrill, v & m 1.00
Delos Hinman, c & m .25
John Thompson by halter strap, Cr. .31

9 Lord's Day
Henry Merrill, to v & m for son 1.00

10 Monday
Henry Merrill, v & m for son 1.00
Almeron Merrill, v & m, emetic 1.00

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11 Tuesday
Henry Merrill, v & m for son
Henry Merrill, by one load of straw oats 1.50
Almeron Merrill, v & m 1.00
Imri Holcomb, v & m for wife and son in eve, staid all night 1.50
Received of E. Patrick $ 3.00, it being the amount of L. March's subscription to meeting house.
Albert Pratt, dr. to 1 vial of H. Oil
Paid 3/3 to E. Patrick for G. Farmer

12 Wednesday
Almeron Merrill, v & m, venesection .88
Henry Merrill, v & m for Sm, fr. A .50
Imri Holcomb, v, m, Emetic for wife 1.50

13 Thursday
Almeron Merrill, v, m, venesection .88
Henry Merrill, v & m for A .50
Horace Merrels brot I Freeman's boar to my pen

14 Friday
Almeron Merrill to v & m .88
Imri Holcomb, v & m 1.25
Nathan Holcomb, Cr. 2 bu. dried apples, Credit $1.00 on note.

15 Saturday
Imri Holcomb, to v & m for wife, found her worse, staid all evening 1.50
Almeron Merrill, v & m 1.00
Henry Merrill, v from Almeron's .50

16 Lord's Day
Very cold, stormy.
Imri Holcomb, v & m for wife 1.25

17 Monday
Imri Holcomb, dr. to v & m for wife 1.25

18 Tuesday
Imry Holcomb, v & m 1.25
Almeron Merrill, to visit, found him well .25
Walter Badger, c, med and poison .66

19 Wednesday
Imri Holcomb, v & m 1.25

January 1853 (continued)

20 Thursday
Sold Oscar lead pipe for .68
W. Oscar Bancroft 1 bbl Genesee flour 6.25 as
Cash endorsed on his note
Nathan Holcomb, Cr. 1 pair yarn mittens .25
Orswin Holcomb, v from Nathan Holcomb .25
Imri Holcomb, v & m 1.25
Credit .38

21 Friday
Franklin Putnam, v & consult with Dr. Guy,
Spasmodic Hiccough 1.00
Imri Holcomb, v & m, wife eat to much oyster, caused
headache and fever 1.25
William Salsbury, v & m for wife 1.25

22 Saturday
William Salsbury, v & m 1.25
Imri Holcomb, to v & m 1.25

23 Lord's Day
William Salsbury, v & m 1.25
Imri Holcomb, v &m 1.25

25 Tuesday
Imri Holcomb, v & m 1.25
William Salsbury, v & m 1.25
Thomas Powell, c, m, counsel .25
John Van Ness, v & m, son .75
Enos Brainard, c, extract tooth .50
Call Handy, Cr. 1 ax helve .18

26 Wednesday
Imri Holcomb, v & m 1.25
William Salsbury, v & m 1.25

27 Thursday
Imri Holcomb, v & m 1.25
William Salsbury, v & m 1.25

28 Friday
William Salsbury, v & m 1.25
Imri Holcomb, v & m 1.25

29 Saturday
Imri Holcomb, v & m 1.25
Charles Gilbert, Arsenical Solution of snake root,
and pills for wife .38
Jeremiah Codortha, v & m from Imri's .50

January 1853 (continued)

30 Sunday
Imri Holcomb, v & m 1.25
William Salsbury, v & m for wife and
2 children 1.50

31 Monday
Imri Holcomb, v & m for wife 1.25
William Salsbury, v & m , wife and
children 1.25
William Brizzee to self and team to draw over load of
hay from Merwin's .50
box of pills ,.25 (bycash 25¢
1 bu. White turnips .25
By drawing 1 load of wood with staggs .50
August Shepherd and wife staid with us (oxygen)

(Note: August Shepherd, son of William Shepherd, Tacy (Birdsall) Shepherd's husband, Laura (Birdsall) Bancroft's sister.)

John Birdsall

Laura (Birdsall Bancroft Tacy Birdsall-William Shepherd
Augustus Shepherd

February 1853

1 Tuesday
William Salsbury, v & m 1.25

2 Wednesday
Imri Holcomb, v & m 1.25 in am
" " evening v & m, gave dose of tartar,
distressed, staid all night and till 11:00 am.
1.25
Lumis Watrous, to visit from Imris Holcombs
1.50
William Salsbury, v & m from Imris Holcombs
.50

3 Thursday
Imri Holcomb sto v & m in am on return from Watrous
1.00
Lumis Watrous, to c & m .25
William Salsbury, c & m .50
Levi Pratt, Captain, Cr. for repair of cutter 1.00

4 Friday
Lumis Watrous, c & m, dr. .25 Paid 1.00 in cash
William Salsbury, v & m for child .75
Imri Holcomb, v & m for wife 1.00

Diary of Dr. John D. Bancorft, age 52, Harpursville, N. Y.

1853

February 1853 (continued)

5 Saturday
Imri Holcomb, v & m, 24 hours 1.50

6 Sunday No entry

7 Monday
Imri Holcomb, v & m all night 1.00
Gaylord Case, v & m at office, paid 50¢ cash

8 Tuesday
Imri Holcomb, staid all day, m, had Dr. Willard consult
1.00

9 Wednesday
Imri Holcomb, v & m , evening 1.25
Went as far as Cowdries with Mudges Sulky

10 Thursday
Lord, v & m for child .75
Albert Reed, v & m for child from Lord's .50

11 Friday
Imri Holcomb, v & m 1.25
William Salsbury, v & m for child .50
David Watrous, by cash on accouch 1.50

12 Saturday
Jerry Van Valkenburgh, v, m, accouch 3.00
Lord, v & m, child .63
Self and son purchased of S. B. Munroe and I. B. Frazier assigns of E. Ketchum to store of goods $ 1700.00

13 Sunday
Imri Holcomb, v & m 1.00
Christopher Pulver, v & m fromImri's .50

14 Monday
S. B. Monroe and I. B. Frazier, credit by invoice of goods of E. Ketchum, the goods, wares, merchandise, grain and sundries amount to $ 1710.00

S. B. Monroe & I. B. Frazier to cash paid by William Oscar Bancroft:
Store money 400.00
Note payable at Unadilla bank 300.00
Ditto 500.00
W.O.B. note with his father 500.00

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16 Wednesday
Imri Holcomb, v & m 1.25
Charles Gilber, c & m .25
Albert Pratt, 5 bu. buckwheat for calf 2.00

19 Saturday
Imri Holcomb, v & m 1.25
Hinman, m .18 Paid

20 Sunday
Lord, v & m for child .63

21 Monday No entry

22 Tuesday
E. Patrick by cash $ 100.00, leaving a balance of $ 25.00 & int.

(Note: E. Patrick was business partner of Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. John D. Bancroft)

23 Wednesday
Imri Holcomb, v & m in storm 1.25

24 Thursday
Very stormy

25 Friday
Almeron Merrill, Cr. by 150 bu. of rye straw @ 2 ¢ 3.00
William Brissee, drawing straw and one load of wood .50

(Note: William Brissee was associated with Dr. John D. Bancroft in operating the Doctor's farm.)

26 Saturday
Imri Holcomb - one bottle of linament .18

March 1853

5 Saturday
Imri Holcomb, v & m 1.00

7 Monday
J. O. Williams, use of cutter to Binghamton .50

8 Tuesday
Self and Oscar went to Binghamton
2 dinners .50

Wednesday

March 1853 (continued)

9 Wednesday
Becker to examine boy's face .25
William S. Grannis, by shoeing horse and 1 shoe
Sharpening wedges and making teeth ring
2.00

10 Thursday
Peter Stevens, medicine .25

13 Sunday
Enos, cash 75¢

15 Tuesday
Imri Holcomb, v & m, attend all day 1.50

16 Wednesday
Imri Holcomb, v & m 1.25
Christopher Miller, med for wife .18
Henry Hurlburt, c & m .18

17 Thursday
Imri Holcomb, v & m with Dr. Guy 1.25
Thomas Holcomb .18

18 Friday
Imri Holcomb, v & m for wife 1.25

19 Saturday
Imri Holcomb, v & m for wife 1.25

20 Sunday
E. Patrick, by cash $ 25.00
Self and wife and Elmira went to Otego

21 Monday
Went to Aug. Shepherd's; left Almira with William Shepherd.

22 Tuesday
Unadilla Bank to cash $ 400.00 on a note given by
William Oscar Bancroft.
William Oscar Bancroft to cash 125.00

24 Thursday
Amos Gates to v & m all night 1.50 by cash 1.50
Elish Truesdell v, extract placenta 1.50

(Note: When delivered by a midwife, it occasionally was necessary to call a doctor if placenta was retained. Midwives were not prepared to deal with complications.)

March 1853 (continued)

25 Friday
Imri Holcomb, v & m 1.50
Enos Dean, c & m .25

26 Saturday
Imri Holcomb, v & m 1.25

27 Sunday
Eben Noble, v & m and venesection 1.00

28 Monday
Imri Holcomb, v & m 1.25
Eben Noble, attend all night to use catheter 1.00

29 Tuesday
Eben Noble, v & m, catheter, staid all night 1.00
" " " " " " night 1.00
Imri Holcomb, v & m 1.25
Luther W. Badger, c extr. tooth .13

30 Wednesday
Imri Holcomb, v, found R. Hendricks 1.00
Eben Noble v & m 1.00
" " evening and all night 1.00

31 Thursday
Eben Noble - staid all night with catheter .50

April 1853.

1 Friday
Enos Dean, v & m .50
Eben Noble, v & m, Doctor Bundy to consult

2 Saturday
Eben Noble, v & m 1.50

3 Lord's Day
Eben Noble, v & m 1.00

4 Monday
v & m 1.00

6 Wednesday
John Clark, 8 lbs. of pork, cash 1.00

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1853

April 1853 (continued)

7 Thursday
Smith Baker, Cash $200.00 on his note for $200.00
William Oscar Bancroft lent cash $ 200.00

8 Friday
Timothy Guy v & m and accouch of Mrs. Austin Lord
3.00

12 Tuesday
John F. Bishop, 8 lbs. pork, cash 1.99

16 Saturday
H. P. Birdsall, cash 100.00 on my note for 4 months.

18 Monday
John Wakeman, to Hemlock lumber to make picket fence
Credit 4.00

23 Saturday
Luther Badger credit $10.00 in form of note, leaving $9.00 still due on his bill on hay and grain, also wash stand, lamp and salt which he got in April 1852

24 Sunday
James B. Frazier loaned me $50.00 on my note.
H. A. Olendorf borrowed $ 10.00 of me.
Self and wife went to Bainbridge to I Nevels.

26 Tuesday
Young mare had a colt at Handy's this morning and would not own it. (refused to nurse it). Brought the colt home in wagon.
William S. Grannis, dr. 22 lbs. 6 ozs. salt beef. Cr. by setting one shoe and 1 shoe on Elder Leach's horse, also to mending plow shares.
John Nevel, 8 lbs. 10 ozs. of salt beef

May 1853, 52 years

4 Wednesday
William Brizzee to my interest in fatted calf 1.50

May 1853 (continued)

6 Friday
William Savage bought 23 lbs. of pork @ 12½ cash 2.88
Sold 1½ bu dried apples at Binghamton 1.37½
Expenses at Binghamton 3/9
E. Patrick, Cr. by use of horse to Binghamton to draw 2 bbls of flour
Paid C. W. Swift for John Howell 317.49 on the Badger Mortgage.
217.94 and 152.55 interest
Wm. O. Bancroft, dr. to bring two bbls flour from Binghamton

7 Saturday
Christopher Miller, v & m all night 1.00
Henry P. Birdsall loaned J. D. Bancroft $50.00 bills on Chenango.
(Note: Henry P. Birdsall was Dr. Bancroft's brother-in-law.)

9 Monday
Luther Badger, ½ day's work refinishing furniture.
Elish. Vinton to commence house rent at $25.00 a year.

10 Tuesday
Henry P. Birdsall, J.D.B. took up his note for $50.00; paid cash.

15 Sunday
Elder J. J. Miller, credit by one horse wagon 18.00
Wrote letter to Elder Miller by Pope (delivered by Pope.)

17 Tuesday
Luther W. Badger, to v and dress wife's wrist 2.00

21 Saturday
William Brizzee to planting potatoes, Cr. 2.00

23 Monday
Brizzee worked ½ day, Cr. 50¢

24 Tuesday
BIRTHDAY 53 years old today
Elder Leach, dr. 17 pounds of ham at 12½ ¢ $2.16
Peter Dykeman, dr. 8 lbs. of pork, 1.00 cash $1.00
William Brizzee, tenant on farm, work on fence for calf pasture, ½ day 50 ¢

25 Wednesday next page

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May 1853 (continued)

25 Wednesday
Luther W. Badger, to v, dressing wide's wrist 1.00
Christopher Miller, c & m for wife .25

26 Thursday
D. W. Pearsall, borrowed $ 2.42

June 1853

1 Wednesday
Elder Leach commenced use of cow pasture.

2 Thursday
Christopher Miller, Credit by 43 rails 11.00
Ward Crawford, Dr. to 2 gallons of molasses .88
William Oscar Bancroft, Credit by .85

3 Friday
Almeron Merrill, Cash 5.14

4 Saturday
Elder Leach, 4 bu. ear corn 3/

5 Sunday
Wm. Brizzee assisted in sawing pine logs. Cr. 1.00

6 Monday
William Pearsall, v lancing face, cash 1.00

7 Tuesday
J. O. Williams commenced cow pasture.
William Oscar Bancroft, cash for sack of flour 1.33
" " " cash for merchandise $6.50

8 Wednesday
William Brizzee, ½ day's work splitting rails $ .50

10 Friday
Alason Knowlton, v all night, accouch, dr. $ 3.00

12 Lord's Day
Commenced worship on hill.
William O. Birdsall gave $ 1.00 for home missions.

June 1853 (continued)

13 Monday
Harry Martin, Cr. surveying one day laying out village lots 1.50

Samuel Martin, Sr.

Samuel, Jr. Harry

Clora Amanda, wife of
Wm. Oscar Bancroft

14 Tuesday
Church and Society meeting to choose trustees - N. Mason and A. Martin.

15 Wednesday
Borrowed of Robert Harper $ 200.00, gave note bearing my signature and that of William Oscar Bancroft, my son.

18 Saturday
William Oscar Bancroft, dr. to drawing 7 bbls. flour, 3 bbls. of salt from Oxford 2.88
Elias Patrick, Cr. by horse to Oxford .50

20 Monday
Worked on road with team, finished my road tax.

21 Tuesday
Henry Bates, cash and wood Cr. 65¢

22 Wednesday
J. E. Walton, one day's work with team, Cr. 1.50
William Oscar (son) and my wife with daughter Mary Catharine went to Association at Unadilla.

William Brizzee (tenant) assist moving saw logs off fallow

27 Monday
Barton Pratt, v & m $ .75

28 Tuesday
Hurlburt, to c & m, cash 25¢

29 Wednesday
Extr. tooth, 25 ¢ cash

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1853

July 1853

1 Friday
Elder D. F. Leach borrowed $ 5.00.

4 Monday
Store dr. to drawing a load of 11 Bbls. of flour from Binghamton 5.00
E. Patrick, Cr. by horse to Binhamton 1.00

6 Wednesday
Baptist Society, dr. to drawing blinds from North Bainbridge with team, Also, dr. to cash to pay for blinds of Fairchild $25.00.
William Oscar Bancroft, Credit to cash to pay in part for blinds $15.00

D. W. Pearsall by horse to North Bainbridge.
Harmon Tyrrell, Cr. by wagon to North Bainbridge. Paid.

7 Thursday
J. E. Welton, to work at hoeing corn to pay for use of oxen 1 day. dr. 1.00 Cr. 1.00
Andrew McFarlan v & m for wife .50
Creidt .50
William Brizzee to ½ day plowing potatoes Cr. 50¢

13 Wednesday
William Brizzee, half day making hay, Cr. 50¢

14 Thursday
William Brizzee, ½ day at haying, Cr. 50¢

15 Friday
Brizzee, half day at haying .50
Ward Vosburg, plowing potatoes in garden 25¢

25 Monday
Wm. Oscar, Cr. to drawing a load of butter to Deposit and a load of iron, etc. back, debit 2.00
Otis Dort, to drawing some furniture to Deposit, cash 50¢
Eli Dort, Cr. use of wagon to Deposit 25¢

26 Tuesday
William Brizzee, 5 lbs. of pork @ 12½¢ .63

28 Thursday
Harvey Wakeman, v & accouch 3.00
Harvey Wakeman, Cr. by a pig Cr. 1.50

July 1853 (continued)

William Oscar Bancroft, 22 years, son of Dr. John D. Bancroft.

1 July, Friday
Had a mess of green pears.

22 Wed. Started to attend the meeting of the Association at Unadilla. Staid over night at Sherman's. After meeting he went to Otego and staid till Saturday.

(I) Received the balance due on tin pans. $ 12.00.

Left Cobbin's Bible at Deacon Thomas's.

Traveled most of day in search of Firkins with E. Patrick'S horse and wagon.

Albert had father's mare to deposit with butter.

Tue the 27th.
Started Tue. the 27th for Otego. Exceeding hot day.

Stopped at Foster's till 6 PM. Drove down to Uncle N. Birdsall in the cool of the evening.

Had a pleasant session at the association.

A. Reynolds passed to withdraw and form a new Association in the Southern tier.

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1853

August 1853

Aug. 3
William Grasmiss, 12 3/4 lbs. of pork at 12½¢ 1.58
William Brizzee, 3/4 day at haying .75

Aug 5
W. O.Bancroft, dr. to part load of butter to Deposit
and to a load of sugar back dr. 1.00
John Harrington, Cr. cash 2.00 on account

Aug. 8
B. Mirwin, Cr. 56¢ for freight from Deposit.

Aug. 10
William S. Grannis, Cr. Cash 1.00
H. R. Tyrrell, I paid him 1.00 for use of wagon to
Binghamton and Deposit
Eliz. Vinton, cash, 6 dollars on rent.
Dr. to 1.06 to balance her and sister's account
with us and Oscar up to date.

Aug. 11
William Savage, cash on account 2.00
William Oscar Bancroft, cash $2.00 on blinds. Church.

Aug. 12
Jerry Williams, v & m 1.13

Aug. 24
A. W. Alvord, 1 day's work, credit 1.00
" " " 1 day's work 1.00
William Brizzee, 1 day's work at fence 1.00
" " 1 " " 1.00

Aug. 25
A. W. Alvord, 7¼ pounds of pork at 12½ ¢ cash 90¢

Aug. 26
Stranger bought 16½ pounds of pork, paid $ 2.00 cash
Wm. Oscar Bancroft, dtr. to freight from Binghamton
2 bbls. flour 190 lbs. each
8 bbls flour 190 each
my expense to Binghamton 19¢

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1853

September 1853

Sept. 3
William Brizzee paid $ 4.00 cash as J.D.B. share of calves raised on farm this year.
Edwin Holcomb cash 50¢ on account.

Sept 6
William Oscar Bancrof, his mother (Laura Birdsall), Mary Cathatine Bancroft, (William Oscar's sister) E. Lydia Bancroft (Berthier Bancroft's mother), and Berthier Bancroft left.

(Note: E. Lydia Bancroft was David Bancroft's second wife.)

H. Martin, credit by survey of village lots.
William Brizzee, a part day helping in surveying .75
Self finished preparing butter for marketing in store.

Sept. 9
Alanson Knowlton, Cr. Cash $3.00.

Sept 16
Elder D. F. Leach paid $ 16.65

Sept. 19
Elias Patrick borrowed team and wagon to haul cut corn from the flat
Soule, 14 day's work, Cr. 10.00

Sept. 20
T. Ruggles, I paid $ 100.00 on my note.
Sylvester Travers, v & m 1.00 Cash 50¢
Thomas Ferguson, v & m for child 1.50
Samuel Pratt, 1512 feet of plank at $4.50 Cr. 6.80

Sept 21
Thomas Ferguson v & m from Hendrickson's 1.00
HenryHendrickson, v & accouch 2.00
Lovejoy, 673 feet of plank, Cr. 3.36
I. S. Wakeman, 271 foot of Hemlock 4.50 settled account

Sept 22
J. B. Clark, commence worh by the day on the shop $1.00

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1853

September 1853 (continued)

Sept. 24
George Tyrrell, 1675 ft. of plank @ $5.00, $8.39

George Tyrrell, 1 oz. Turkey Rheii dr. .25

George Tyrrell

George Tyrrell — Deacon Samuel Martin, Jr.

Eliza Tyrrell
married----------Fred W. Martin — Clora Amanda (Martin) Bancroft — Frances Irene m LeRoy Tyrrell

Sept 25
Herman Ferguson, v & m for child 1.00

Sept. 26
D. F. Leach to commence new cow pasture
Mrs. Thompson and Elias Bates, v & m, venesection 1.00
Mrs. Thompson, Elias, v & m, venesection 1.00

Sept. 27
Mrs. Thompson, Elias Bates, v & m 1.00

Sept. 28
Mrs. Thompson, Elias Bates, v &m 1.00

Sept. 30
William Vroman, v & m for wife 1.50
Ferguson, c & m for wife .50
Stephen Wasson by mending Oscar's boot, Cr. 37¢
William Brizzee, to drawing buckwheat, dr. .50

October 1853

Oct. 2, Sunday
Uri Hurlburt, v & m 1.00
Wd. Thompson or Bates, V & m 1.00
David Moot, v & m in night 1.50

October 1853 (continued)

Oct. 3, Monday
William Grannis to horse and wagon to draw one load of wood .50
drew one load of wood for self and one load of boards for shop for me. Dr. .50 Cr. .50
Merrill, Cr. by a gold watch $50.00 which I am to price in Binghamton to return to him when he calls for it if I please.
Returned to Benjamin Merrill. (Apparently he thought it was not worth $50.00).
Wd. Bates or Thompson, v & m for two 1.00

Oct. 4, Tuesday
Wd. Bates or Thompson, v & m 1.00

Oct. 5, Wednesday
Levi Mandeville, v & m, accouch 3.00 Cr. cash
H. P. Birdsall, to cr. for 1 bu. apples .13
(H. P. Birdsall, brother-in-law to Dr. Bancroft)

Oct. 6 Thursday
Soule, 6 day's work, Cr. $ 6.00.
Went to Binghamton, Temperance convention.
Way's, Cr. pencil 6¢, key 13¢, Exp 50¢
John F. Bishop to ride to Binghamton.

Oct 7, Friday
Esther Smith, v & consultation with Dr. Guy, 1.00
William Grannis, to use of mare to draw loom, .25
William Grannis, to use of horse and wagon to draw 1000 brick .50

Oct. 8, Saturday
Wd. Bates, v & m, self and son 1.00
John B. Clark, one load of wood, 84 feet .25

Oct. 9, Sunday
Mrs. S. Thomson, also Bates, V & m for self and son 1.00

Oct. 10, Monday
S. Thompson, also Bates, v & m for self and son 1.00

Oct. 11, Tuesday
Mrs. S. Thompson and Bates, m & v for self and son 1.00

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October 1853 (continued)

Oct. 12, Wednesday
Mrs. S. Thompson and Bates, v & m
for self and son 1.00

Oct. 13, Thursday
John B. Clark, one load of punkins, dr. 1.00
William S. Grannis, 1 load of wood, dr. .75 Cr. 37½
Mrs. S. Bates and Bates; v & m for self and son
1.00

Oct. 14, Friday
Mrs. S. Thompson and Bates, v & m for
self and son 1.00

Oct 15, Saturday
John B. Allen, Poor Master of the Town of Colesville,
dr. to the care of this man. 15 visits between
Oct. 15 & Oct. 31 at $1.00 each. Dr. $15.00
(J. B. Allen is the Poor Master). The patient
is Mrs. Thompson and son. There have been
earlier entries on them. V & m 1.00

Edward Harper was paid 37½¢ for surveying one acre
of land for William Brizzee.

Oct. 16, Sunday
Mrs. Thompson and son, v & m 1.00

Oct. 17, Monday
J. O. Williams, debtor to 1 load of pumpkins
1.25
William Brizzee, cash on note. Dr. 5.00
Oscar and Patrick started for N.Y. Albert Patrick went
with my horses and wagon with them to Deposit.
Mrs. Thompson and son, v & m 1.00
William Brizzee, dr.

Oct. 18, Tuesday
Mrs. Thompson and son, v & m 1.00

Oct. 19, Wednesday
Mrs. Thompson and son, v & m 1.00

Oct. 20, Thursday
Christopher Miller, v & m for wife 1.25
John Croel, v & m for mother 1.25
Sam B. Monroe, call & med. .50
Richard Randall, v & m 1.50
Mrs. Thompson and son, v & m 1.00

October 1843, continued

Oct. 21, Friday
Richard Randall, v & m 1.00
Christopher Miller, v & m for wife 1.25
John Croel, v & m for mother 1.25
Mrs. Thompson and son, v & m 1.00

Oct. 22, Saturday
Richard Randall, v & m 1.00
" " " 1.00
Christopher Miller, v & m 1.25
Samuel B. Monroe, v & m 1.25
Mr. Croel, v & m 1.25
Mrs. Thompson & son, v & m 1.00

Oct. 23, Sunday
Christopher Miller, v & m, Dr. Guy consult 1.25
Samuel Monroe, v & m .50
John Croel, v & m 1.25
Mrs. Thompson and son, v & m 1.00

Oct. 24, Monday
Mrs. Thompson and son, v & m for both 1.00

Oct. 25, Tuesday
A. W. Alvord, Oxen and wagon to draw a load of wood from Watrous wood lot .25
William Brizzee, ½ bu. of buckwheat 13¢
Mrs. Thompson and son, v & m 1.00

Oct. 26 Wednesday
William S. Grannis, horses and wagon to draw one cord of wood from Lovejoy for Alvord 25¢
Mrs. Thompson and son, v & m 1.00

Oct. 28, Friday
William Brizzee, by cash $5.00 which with $5.00 borrowed on the 17 inst. is this day endorsed on his note for one acre of land dated Oct. 27, 1853
Mrs. Thompson and son, v & m 1.00

Oct. 31, Monday
William Shepherd, Cr. by 230.00 on his note.
William Oscar Bancroft borrowed $230.00
Weighed a beet that grew in my garden - 11 pounds and 2 ozs.
Mrs. Thompson and son, v & m 1.00

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1853

December 1853

Dec. 5
A. W. Alvord, to horses and light wagon to take his wife to Collington's. To horse and wagon to draw straw.
Cr. by one day's work

Dec. 7
Deland, dr. to 113 feet pine, Cr. 75¢

Dec. 8
A. W. Alvord, Horses and wagon to draw straw .37½
Credit by 1½ day's work 1.50

Dec. 16
J. O. Williams, Dr. 4.50 Cash $4.50

Dec. 17, Saturday
J. O. Handy, v & m for wife 1.00

Dec. 18, Sunday
Calvin Handy, visit to wife, found her dying."Burned by falling on stove in a fit", her clothes took fire, burned the skin from large part of chest, arms, and hands 1.00
Cred by bob sleigh 2.00

Dec. 19, Monday
John B. Allen, Cash 25.50 in full for account

Dec. 21, Wednesday
I. O. Williams, Cr. cash $7.10
cash 2.60
balance 4.50
John F. Bishop, Dr. 7.10

Dec. 22, Thursday
J. O. Williams, to carrying his family and a light load to Binghamton, dr. 1.00
Cr. by one stove and one cutting box 10.00
W. O. Bancroft, dr. to freight for 4 bbls. flour dr. 1.50
Bought of A. I. Evans of Binghamton, watch 30.00

December 1853

Dec. 23, Friday
Peter Martin, v & m, venesection cash .75

Dec. 24, Saturday
Elias Patrick, dr. to drawing 1439 feet hemlock from Harpursville to Deposit, paid $4.00
William Brizzee, 1 day's work piling logs and drawing wood 1.25

Dec. 28, Wednesday
Elias Patrick, Cr. 89½ pounds of beef

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1854

January 1854

Jan. 2
Hawley, dr. 4 cords of 18 ft. hemlock wood $4.14
William S. Grannis, Dr. 1 load of wood 37¢

Jan 7
Alexander and Merwin, Cr. by shoeing oxen .75

Jan. 9
William Brizzee, (his tenant), cr. 1 day's work 1.00
piling logs and drawing wood

Jan. 10
Cr. for wood work of an Ox Sled Cr. 8.50
Howley, dr. to 4 cords of 18 ft. hemlock at 4.14
William S. Grannis, dr. to one load of wood by Bs.

Jan. 26
Simeon Harper, v & m for wife 1.00

Jan 29
Abel Edson, v to child in haste .50
William S. Grannis, one load of bark by
self and Brizzee 1.00

Jan. 31
George D. B. Birdsall, Cr. 4.50 for hauling lumber
to Deposit.
Elias Patrick paid George Birdsall

February 1854

Feb. 1
William Oscar Bancroft, or store, to drawing 10 bbls
of flour and one box of candles from Binghamton
Dr. 3.00
William Brizzee, one sack of flour

Feb. 4
A. W. Alvord, cash at Lodge to pay dues .12½

Feb. 16
Stanley Wasson, Cr. 150 lbs. of rye straw @ 1¢
1.50

Feb. 17
William Oscar Bancroft, Cr. $ 3.00 cash
" " " " 15.00 cash

March 1854

Mar. 7
Estate of Ebenezer Noble, Cr. 12.00 cash from James Noble.

Purchases for the store:

Cobb & Co.	iron	$68.00
F. T. Smith	candles	26.00
Rowe & Woodruff,	groceries	99.82
Pratt & Bros.	Books	3.39
Trivett	Camphene	2.40
Beckman, Knox & Ripley,	dry goods	121.29
Townsend	Axes	22.38
Cobb & Co.	iron	105.00
Rowe, Woodruff,	groceries	430.48
Todd	Salt	15.38

Mar. 15
Simeon Harper, cash 1.00
Martin Deland, Dr. to one load of hemlock wood 1.00

Mar. 26
Reuben Young, v -removing placenta 1.00

Mar. 27
William S. Grannis, one load of green wood dr. .70
Elias Patrick, dr. to horse one day .25

Mar. 28
William S. Grannis to drawing 266 lbs. of coal from Binghamton 3.00 Dr.

Mar. 29
Wm. Oscar Bancroft, drawing 3 bbls. of flour 2.00 dr.

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April 1854

April 3
James B. Frazier, to carrying self, two daughters and 3 children, baggage and 2 trunks to Binghamton dr. 2.00
DeLand, dr. to one load of wood, 4 ft. hemlock, 1/2 cord, dr. 1.00

April 4
Wm. Oscar Bancroft, 4 bbls. flour in sacks, dr. 3.00
James B. Frazier, to freight on stand, lunch bar and heater dr. 2.00

April 6
B. Hawley, Credit by cash .75 by use of horse to Binghamton, Cr. .75
Abe Dean, visit for child, dr. 75¢; cash 75¢

April 7
E. Patrick to horse and wagon in A. M. to attend Priest Huntington's funeral, in P. M. to draw a load of timber to the plank road

April 8
Vinton, cash $ 3.50; work $ 2.50. Balance rent to April 10 $ 6.00

April 10
William S. Grannis, dr. to horses and wagon to Brindleville for government .73
William Brizzee, Cr. 1¼ ton of hay, 7.50; cash 2.00

April 11
Martin DeLand, horses and wagon to fetch potatoes from Hard's dr. .50
Credit by 1½ bu. potatoes .50
Peter Stephens estate, dr.
Previous account .75
Use of wagon 3.75
4.50
Cr. 20 bu. oats 7.50
Cash returned 3.00
1½ bu. potatoes 4/

April 12
Martin DeLand, dr. to team to take one load to Centerville .37
Lorenzo May, v and accouch, dr. 3.00; Cash 3.00

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1854

April 1854 (continued)

April 13
Jerry VanValkenburgh, Cash 3.63
William Brizzee helped ½ day with fence on hill

April 14
William Brizzee and self mended fences in A.M.
In P.M., Brizzee plowed greensward. Self drawed stone for shop.

April 18
Luke Dort, Myself and team to draw wood 1.00 Dr.
Brizzee and Oxen to draw wood 1.00 Dr.

April 19
Store, dr. to drawing one load of wood from Pratt's .25
Martin DeLand, one load of hemlock wood delivered to center village, a bad time to draw Dr. 2.25
One load of hardwood green delivered 1.00

April 21
Store, dr. to hauling 5 bbls. of flour and 100 wt. of fish from Binghamton d.r 3.00

April 22
Bought ½ bu. clover seed.

April 23
Asa Younger, v & accouche, dr. 3.00

April 24
William Brizzee, dr. to 312 feet of hemlock 63¢
Martin DeLand borrowed my Jack Plain.
William S. Grannis, dr. to drawing one load of green wood from Watrous fallow.
William Brizzee had team and wagon to draw one load of slabs from Lovejoy's mill and he assisted me to draw 11 logs on Frazier's log way .37
Balance 37¢ work

April 1854 (continued)

April 25
Elias Patrick, dr. two day's work, self and team drawing 22 loads of manure Dr. 3.00

April 26
Elias Patrick, to work with team self and team from 9 A.M. till night, dr. 1.50
WD. F. Crawford, to 2 cwt hay .75

April 28
To plowing and dragging for 3 days, self and team. Baker, dr. $ 3.75

May 1854

May 1
Elizabeth Vinton, Credit cash to pay rent for 3 months 6.00

Purchases for the store. Small account book.
Cauldwell Crockery 65.17
Beckman, Knox and Ripley, dry goods 470.00
Townsend Hardware 189.42
Burger, Drugs and paints 141.91
Ferris Codfish 22.49
Ransome shoes 79.07
Dennis Brooms 7.75
Hinton Window Shades 9.12
White and Lawrence Hats & caps 42.95
L. O. Wilson Prints 32.89
Hastings and Forbes dry goods s45.78

This is but a partial listing to reveal the goods sold.

May 3
Store, dr. to drawing small load from Deposit.

May 7
William Shay, v & m 1.25

May 12
Store - to drawing rakes to Deposit and to bring in load of goods
Fenn. Browne commence cow pasture.
Stephen Wasson, v with Dr. Guy in night 1.25

May 20
William Shay. Eye wash (argent) .25
William Brizzee, 1 day dragging with staggs. He had mare to mark out corn ground Dr. 1.25
Joseph A. Barlow, dr. to horse to Windsor .50

Diary of Dr. John D. Bancroft, Age 53. Harpursville, N.Y.

1854

May 1854 (continued)

May 23
F. Crawford, dr. to plowing ½ day with stags and to drawing out 2 loads of manure
John F. Bishop, dr. to plowing his garden. To commence cow pasture. Cr. by planting corn for Brizzee
B. Hawley, dr. to horse and wagon to Bettsville.

May 24 MY BIRTHDAY - AGE 54

Wm Brizzee, dr. to one dragging with horses
Albert Stowe, dr. by one-half day's work with boy.

May 25
This day settled and balanced all account up to date.
Martin De Land
John D. Bancroft

Nathan DeLand, by cash settled account in full 2.00

May 26
Fred Martin Pasture for 2 yr. old colt .25
1 farrow cow .16
6 yearlings 8ct.

John Harrington, dr. to pasture dr. 1.00
Drawing 2 load of rails Cr. 1.00

June 3
Store, dr. to drawing load of flour from Binghamton 3.00
William Brizzee, 250 lbs. plaster at 5.00 a ton dr. .63
drawing same dr. .63

Goods bought for store

A. A. Heath	Rakes	2.08
Benn & Morgan	Candles	18.14
Pratt and Brothers	Books	1.88
Moors and Myer	Codfish	4.50
Judd	Salt	17.38
Ferris	Fish	27.05
Woodruff	Groceries	11.02
Townsend	Nails	28.88
Coddington	Iron	7.84
Taylor and Jackson	Candles	6.88
Beckman, Knox & Ripley, dry goods		41.78
White & Sons	Stoneware	6.87
Shutt	Mittens	40.50

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June 1854 (continued)

June 3
List of goods bought for the store (continued)

Hill & Groves	Ribbons, etc.	50.07
Ransome	Shoes	58.93
White	Hats	14.25

June 5
Chadding, Cr. castrating colt 1.00
Dr. 8 lbs. rope at 22¢ a pound 1.76
He paid cash, 68½¢ cr.

June 6 William Brizzee, one day's work on fallow 1.00
A. S. Alvord, Cr. one day's work on fallow 1.00
William Brizzee, 14 lbs, 6 ozs. of flour dr.

June 7
To horses and harness to Arrak .25

June 8
Wm. Brizzee, horses and harness to Arak .25

June 12
Dr. to drawing out. (Store)

June 13
Elisha Casson, v & examination mother hip 2.00

June 14
John Eldred, v & m, wife in night 1.00 Cash 1.00
Davis Brainard, Medical treatment of wife, attention till A.M. 1.00

June 15
A. W. Alvord, Cr. 1 day's work, hoeing .75
William Brizzee, dr. by one da's work by Alvord 6/

June 16
William Brizzee, dr. one day's work by Alvord .75
William Brizzee, partday's work of self plowing out corn after supper. To plowing and hoeing some larger part of a day. Of salf all one day dr. 2.00
Stephen Wasson, dr. to machine & Nit. Silver for wife .37
(Note: is it possible that this "machine" refer to using his electric machine?)

Diary of Dr. John D. Bancroft, Age 54, Harpursville, N.Y.

1854

June 1854 (continued)

June 19
Wm. Brizzee worked with oxen on the road
Cr. 1.00
Self and wife attended the funeral of Hiat Wedgerton with E. Patrick and wife.
Edward Harper to v and attendance of wife in company with Doctor Spencer Paid $ 2.00 cash

June 20
James O. Gates, v and attend wife all night
1.50

June 28
Wife, Oscar, and Mary Catharine went to Otego to attend the association.

June 29
Wife, Oscar, and Mary Catharine went to Otego to Association

June 30
Elder J. J. Miller, Cr. by one horse lumber wagon
12.00

July 1854

July 1
James O. Gates, v all night to wife 1.50
Credit 2 day's work 1.50

July 4
Spent this week assisting in painting the M. H. Blinds (Note: M. H. must refer to meeting house for which new blinds were recently purchased.) hoeing, my corn and potatoes and ashing them and painting wagon.

July 8
George M. Tyrrell - commenced pasture for colts.

July 10
Martin DeLand, dr. to one day self and team drawing hay from Morrison place. Dr. 1.50

July 12
Martin DeLand, Credit by filing saw .37½

July 1854 (continued)

July 13
William Brizzee, one day's work in hay 1.00 dr.
" " Cr. by one load of hay put in wagon house.
" " dr. to assisting him hoe his corn 2 times.
" " Cr. by ¼ bu. of corn
7½ bu. oats
1½ bu. buckwheat
" " Cr. by cash 50¢

July 14
Self worked on my fallow

July 17
Self worked on fallow in A. M. Helped Brizzee
in hay in P.M. dr. .50

July 18
Went to Binghamton with Mrs. J. Allen and daughter,
and Mrs. Wilson and daughter. Paid 3.00
my expense 76¢

July 19 Wednesday
I worked for Brizzee part of day dr. .50

July 20
I worked for Brizzee one day 1.00 dr.

July 22
Albert Stone, Cr. by half day's work .50
Worked on my fallow.

July 26
Self helped Brizzee 2/3 day's work in hay
cr. 67¢

July 27
Went to Deposit for store .25 credit
my account
Stephen Wasson, med. for wife .18

July 28
Went to Binghamton for store; credit me 2.00

July 29
James O. Gates, v & m for wife 1.50

Diary of Dr. John D. Bancroft, age 54, Harpursville, N.Y.

1854

August 1854

Aug. 2 Wednesday
George R. Tyrrell commenced cow pasture.
Store, to freight 10 bbls. of flour from
Binghamton dr. 3.00
Bought one bbl. flour for myself at $8.25 cash
William Brizzee, ½ day logging, ½ day on fallow.
Whilst we were gone, Cr. 1.00

Aug 6
William Brizzee, dr. 21 pounds of flour at 5¢

Aug. 12
Went to Elder Parker's; self, wife, Oscar and Mary
Catharine

Aug. 13
Went to meeting in Coventry.
In P. M. went to Gayus Parker's and to Deacon
Carpenter's for night

Aug. 14
To Hamilton commencement; staid 15, 16, and 17th.

Aug. 17
Went to Mother Bancroft's, 18, 19, 20.

Aug. 20
Went to Leonard B Stayed Tuesday morning.

Aug. 22
Arrived at home.
Harry Martin, Cr. to use of his wagon to Hamilton.

Aug. 23
Asa Eldred, v & m for wife 1.00

Aug. 24
Stephen Wasson, m for child .25
Dr. Chubbuck stayed with us 2 days

Aug. 26
William Brizzee, to part day in oats .50 due him

Aug. 28
William Brizzee, to part day in oats, Cr. him 50¢

Aug. 30
William Brizzee, to ½ day drawing oats .50

Aug. 31
William Brizzee, paid him cash 4.75
Cash for work 6.00

1854

September 1854

Sept. 2
Worked on the road with two teams.

Sept. 3
J. Otis Terry, v, m, and accouch 3.00

Sept. 4
Elder D. F. Leach
to ½ cow pasture 3.63
to 27½ lengths of stove pipe
at 5 ¢ 1.39
to cash paid on freight at Deposit .32
To H. A. Ollendorf order 1.75
Cr. 7.09
William S. Grannis, Cr. .20

Sept. 9
Levi Pratt, extract tooth for son
of New Ohio .25

Spt. 12
John Harrington, to extract tooth .13
Credit by mendingboots, tapping one pair,
pegging the soles of another, Cr. .13

Sept. 15
William Brizzee, to 10 lbs. 8 ozs. of flour
at 6¢ .61
Assist in getting in buckwheat, Cr. 61¢

Sept. 20
Bartholomew Tyrrell to opening abscess
for wife .25

Sept. 28
Marion J. Crosby, v in night in consultation
with Dr. Watrous 1.00

September 1 1854 Friday.

Doctor John Demarest Bancroft, Harpursville 54

Worked on the road with two teams.

225
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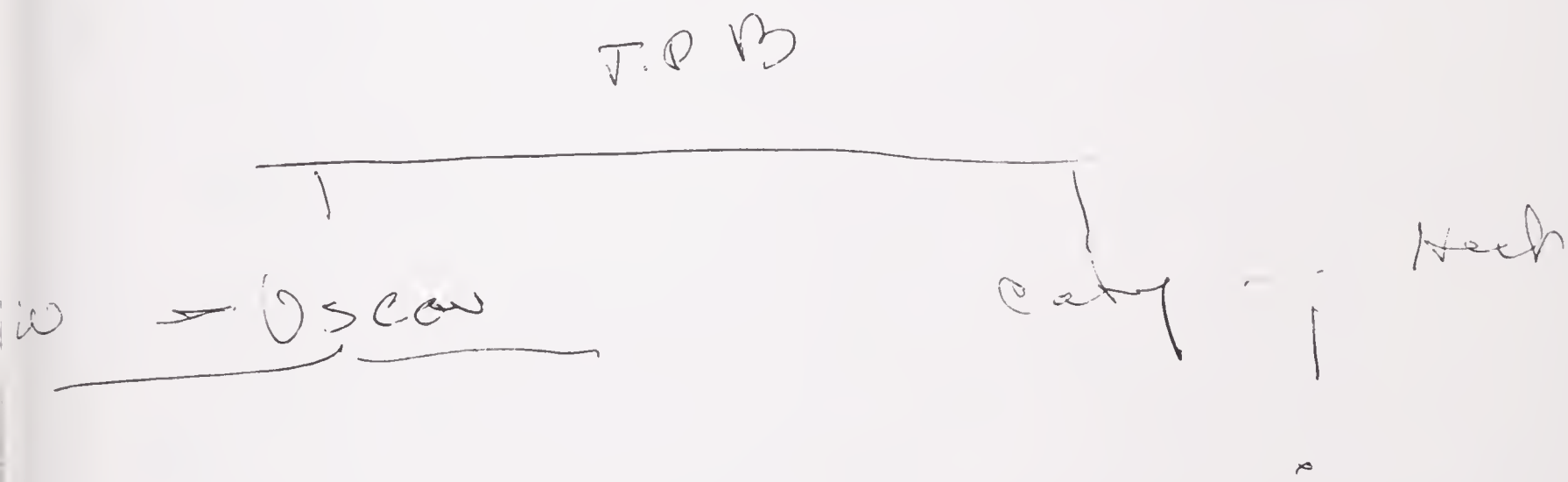
Goods purchased for the store.

White Hats	13.50
Coddington Tire iron	10.89
Burger Drugs and paints	60.28
Ivison and Phiney books	23.91
Rowe and woodruff Groceries	222.76
Cauldwell Crockery	27.67
Sheeting	58.00
Brooms	10.63
Padlocks	3.00
Rowe and woodruff Groceries	45.77
Iron	63.48
Hastings and Beckman dry goods	355.00
Hardware	57.09
Codfish	24. 66
Hardware	66.37



Diary of J.D. Bancroft
1855, January
1. Monday George Tyrell paid --------- 12.10
, Settled with Wilcox and Patrick -----, 4.00
2. Tue. ------Went to Briggs in Coventry. Did not find anything we left at the old house.
3. Wed. I took Volksburgh to Binghamton and staid over night
4 Thur visited at Chamberlains, Roberts & Wilkins
5 Fri. Settled with Beatman for sap buckets, holder and pans. Got our loom at Hards.
6 Paid J. Van V $1.00 for standard.
7 Lords day. Made preparation for concert at Nineveh.
13 Sat. I went to Binghamton wit Blakeslee--- for $3.00
14 Lords day. All attended meeting.
15 Mon. -----
17 Went to Salsbury to see Beaman, Must have his note.
18 Wm.Salbury cr. by 1500 lbs of hay 5.25
19 Fri. settled with Merwin for setting four shoes and repairing sleigh.
20 Sat. Caried 2 bu. buckwheat to mill, Mr.Keech lecture.
21 Lords day. Eld Leach, Bro Hickox and wife came. snow
22 Mon. Erv. Hickox and wife visited.
John Morse and wife called this morning
Self drawed one load of manure and one load of wood for Brizzee.
Sharp two shoes. Oscar took a load with horse tandem sleigh to Nichlers.
Wrote a letter to Deac. Stanton.
23 Tue. Sick all day.
24 Wed. Am. cleaned wagon. Pm. visited at Patricks.
25 Thur.Worked at Dorts and visited at Patricks with Col. Mason and wife and mother.
26 Fri. Storm all day. Deep snow.
27 Sat. Took Sow to boar at M. Merwins. Temp. in eve.
28 Sun. Eld Smith preached. George Birdsall at home.
29 Mon. Self and Brizzee drawed one load of dung and one load of wood for him
30 Tue. Went to Binghamton. Staid at Williams. Stopped at Whitmans for town tickets.
31 Wed. Clover seed $8.00, Timothy 3.50, flour $10.00
Spent all day to obtain the opinion of J. Hotchkiss on my law suit. To attend to it next week.

J.D.Bancroft, Harpursville
Feb. 1855

1 Beeman postponed his note till T.M. semt dun to Holcomb. See L.B.M.
2 Fri. Mrs. Bannzing came to our house. Brizzee by sawing three fourth cord of wood, self split and piled.
4 Sun. Elder Leach preached.
5 Mon. Wm. Salsbury cr. by 20 bu of oats at 50 cents
6 Tue. Cr. H.P.Birdsall by 125 bundles of rye straw.
7 wed. Very cold. Potatoes freeze in sellar. Oscar and Foote to Binghamton with mare. Nelson Minor and wife called. Snow storm in eve. Head ache.
8 Fri. Self did nothing but putter at shoe. Oscar staid at Binghamton, got a decision from H.L. & B. administrator appl and so paid up the judgement in favor of Stow of $59.82
9 Sat. L.H.Matsh dr. to visit and med. in night to see wife $1.00
10.Sat. Wm.Brizzee drawed two loads of wood.
(His dates seem confused.)
11 Sun. Elder Leach preached.
12 Mon. Store dr. to draw ng load of flour from Binghamton. Borrowed $100. of L.M.? Willcox.
13 Tue. Town meeting. Paid A. Beeman $100 and took up my note. Roswell Stevens paid $3.00 and took up note. Settled with L.B.Monroe for wheat.
14 Wed. Bought 100 bundles of oat straw of Merrells @ 2 cents Wm.Brizzee dr to $1.00 for straw.
15 Thur, E. Patrick dr. to horse and cutter to Binghamton. Snow storm.
16 Fri. Patrick broke thill of cutter.
17 Sat. Self drawed one load of manure and one load of wood in am.
18 Lordsday Leach
20 Tue. Went to Elder Birdsalls (W.H.), wife and daughter.
21 Wed. Visited at Eld Birdsalls.
22 Thur. Gave Eld W.H.Birdsall my note for $100. He let me have 58 dollars down, evening added 42.00
23 Fri. Baldwin cr. by setting one shoe.
24 Sat. Helen Birdsalldr to my note of $25.00 due i yr from date. Edwin G. Birdsall to my note of $30. due the first of August
25 Lords day. E.Leach preached.
26 Mon. To Binghamton cam over with Pearsall to attend as grand Juror, Board with Williams. Deposited $300. with Broome County Bank. Lent $150 to W.O.B. Grand Jury organized. Whitney President. J.D. Bancroft Secretary.
27. Attended Grand Jury.
28. Wed. Returned with Robert Harper
29. Went on river

March 1855. John D.Bancroft diary.
1. Cowdery and wife called.
2. Fri. Paid $3.50 toward a ton of hay, which Brizzee bought of Barnes.
9. Gave my note for of $200. to Chauncey Blakeslee, payable the first of April.
12. Mon. E. Patrick took $200. of me in the waggon to pay Willcox. He had my horse and cutter to go to Green.
13. Tue. H.P.Birdsall cr. by ½ bu. Buck wheat.
14. Wed. Settled with Dr. Guy, 1 bbt morphine 4/ 1 oz blue mass 1/ $1.75 H.P.Birdsall went with me to Church Hollow to see Mudge and Josiah Stevens. By 1 bu of rye at 10/ which is balance of acct.
15. Thur. L.H.Marsh by 1 bu corn.cr.
16 Fri. Brissee cr. by work. I load dung drawed and chopping and sawing in woods. Commenced work about 9 am. Wife and Oscar, M.C. and B. to Windsor. George B. arrived by L.Dort Coach.
17 Sat. Snow and hail. Wife returned.
18 Lords day. Elder Leach preached. George had Mare and sulky to go to Otego. (George Birdsall?)
19 Mon. George returned. A.P.Merrills cr. by 1600 lbs of har at $8.00
20 Tue. Brizzee assisted in drawing out drafts for fire wood, 3/4 day.
21 Wed. Brizzee chopped ½ day in swamp. Merwin and A cr, by iron wedge 4/ J.O.W lliams settled all acct.
22 Thur. Brizzee chapped 3/4 day. Self drawed wood from swamp. Stone had wagon to hay.
23 Fri. Self and wife went to William W, Cowdery with Mrs. Banning. Brizzee chapped.
24 Sat. Self and Brizzee worked part day.
25 Lords day Eld Leach preached.
26 Mon Brizzee ½ day.
27 Tue. Brizzee chapped for self and broke my axe. Br ught home one load of hemlock before noon and one load of green wood in pm.
28 Wed. D.W.Pearsall Cr. by Popular Medicine and Amer. Family Phy. Dr. to $3. to balance. Wm.O. Bancroft cr. by $2.00. Self helped Brizzee draw two loads. Self drawed poles on meadow
29 Thur. Attended law suit
30 Fri. Bought 49 bu. oats @ 55 cents $26.95 money of Wm.Oscar Bancroft.
31 Wm.H Birdsall dr. to my note for $200. borrowed payable the first of May 1855. 1/ horse feed paid.

April 1855 J.D.Bancroft diary

1 Lords day. Attended Eld. Birdsall meeting. Staid all nite at Nathan (Naham) Smiths.

2 Mon. Stormy. Came home Exp. at N.Bainbridge 3/

3 Tue. Oscar took $200. Settled with Brizzee.

4 Wed. Bought Brizzee two yearlings. Bought 1 ton of Hay of Ruggles $10.

5 Thur. Sewed grass seed on fallow.

6 Fri. Almeron Merrils dr. to v. & med. $1.00 Stowe paid $10.40 Claminda Banning to v & med. $1.00 Wm. Brizzee cr, by sewing grass seed. Brizzee gave up his land contract $4.75

7 Sat. Elder Leach borrowed $5.00

8 Lords Day. Henry and wife down

9 Mon. Brizzee worked from 1;15 to 6. Signed a note with P. Patrick to Edgerton for $100.

10 Tue. Brizzee moved one load

11 Wed. Brizzee to drawing one load of furniture and to one ax @ 6/ dr.

12 Tbur. Tempoerance lecture in eve. L. Dort cr, by repair and painting wagon. Deac Sam. Martin died of heart disease. Died in his chair.

14 Sat. Attended his funeral

16 Mon. Francis Harrington commenced work at $12. mo.

17 Tue. Went to Cowdery's to see Miss Climena Banning.

18 Endorsed a note for 18.25 and a $5. bill to I or J. O. Williams, Binghamton. Received of W. H.Keeten a $5. bill for J.D.W. and endorsed it on note in my hands for J.O.W. Note returned.

20. Almeson Merrills dr. to $1.00 paid to Elder west J.M.Stevens dr. to 4/ paid E. West on subscription to Educ. .50

Dr. John Demarest Bancroft, 54 yrs., Harpursville, N. Y.

15 Tue. "John Harrington cr. by Lucius work, 2 days."

16 Wed. "Francis Harrington, months pay 12.00. Lucius Harrington worked part of A.M."

17 Thur. "Levi Marsh vm 1.25, George Vroman vm 1.50, A. W. Alvord cr. part days work .50, John Harrington to plowing side hill 2.00. 20 lbs of veal 80¢ dr."

18 Fri. "John F. Bishop cr. ¼ day planting corn .50
George W. Hakes cr. ½ day planting corn .50."

19 Sat. "Lucius Harrington, one days work about the house."

21 Mon. "Levi H. Marsh vm 1.00
Lucius Harrington one day work about house and mending fence."

22 Tue. "Lucius Harrington by one days work plowing on hill."

23 Wed. "Lucius Harrington, 1 day work."

24 Thur. "Birthday 55 years old today.
Paid Daniel Martin 1.25
Paid Jesse Brown for use of his mare .25
Lucius Harrington by one days work cr."

25 Fri. "Climena Banning cash 3.00
Lucius Harrington by ½ days work. Sick in P.M."

26 Sat. "L. H. Marsh vm wife 1.00
John Harrington dr. 5 loads of dung drawed on corn ground to plowing corn ground dr. 3.00."

28 Mon. "Elizabeth Venton rent cash $6.00
L. H. Marsh vm wife 1.00."

Dr. John Demarest Bancroft, 55 years, Harpursville, N. Y.

1 Fri. "Lucius left till June 11."

2 Sat. "A. H. Alvord I lent him $6.00."

3 Sun. "L. H. Marsh vm $1.00. A. W. Alvord cash cr $1.00."

5 Tue. "A. W. Alvord cr cash .75
" " 3/4 day repairing fence 75¢."

6 Wed. "Wm. Oscar Bancroft, dr. to drawing 6 bbls flour from Binghamton 3.00
L. H. Marsh vm dr. .75
" " cr 1 pig at 3 weeks 1.00."

10 Sun. "Levi H. Marsh vm .75."

11 Mon. "Levi H. Marsh cm .25
Elias Patrick dr. to a pig of 5 weeks 1.25
Fanny crawford commenced cow pasture."

13 Wed. "Randall 1 pig 4 weeks old 1.13½."

15 Fri. "James B. Frazier sawing 642 ft. of boards
A. W. Alvord cr. ½ day making fence
J. F. Bishop dr. 5 days horse pasture."

16 Sat. "John Harrington cr. 6½ days work $6.50."

17 Sun. "L. H. Marsh cm .25
" " cr ½ bu corn .62."

18 Mon. "D. W. Pearsall began cow pasture.
John F. Bishop cr. ½ day hoeing 1.00."

19 Tue. "J. Harrington ½ day hoeing 1.00."

20 Wed. "John Olendorf to commence cow pasture."

21 Thur. "George Tyrrell dr to use of horse ½ day .25."

22 Fri. "William Alexander, hoeing corn 37¢
Albert Stone boy to hoeing corn .25."

25 Mon. "Albert Stone cr. to boy hoeing corn 25¢
Fenner Brown dr. to pasture for one horse commenced."

26 Tue. "Albert Stone commence pasture for 2 horses.
John Harrington dr. ½ day harrowing corn. 1.50."

1855 August. J.D.Bancroft, diary.

Aug 13 Received of W. O.Bancroft $100. to g. Check
$56. to buy flour and lath
5 bbls and 3 bbls of salt
Lovejoy cr by 1 barrel of cider 12/
dr. to one barrell empty 4/

Nov. 13 Merrils case at Deposit
9 & 10 Frank Harrington cr, 2 days work with team on Kelley dam
5 Paid $3.00 for bridge for coming year
8 Wm.O. Bancroft cr by 12/ paid to Lovejoy for cider
Frank Harrington dr. to ½ day of team and wagon
14 Received of Burlow $25 for Wm. O.Bancrift

Subscription for Elder West

N.A.Clark	.25
S.E.Alvord	.25
J.D.B.	.25
A.Merrill	1.00
J.M.Stephens	.50
Betsey Martin	.50
Betsey Welton	.25
S. Lackey	.50
Elias Patrick	1.00
A.W.Alvord	1.00

1856 January,

John Demarest Bancroft, ~~yrs~~, Harpursville.

180 240 1 Jan.-"Received on R. Hares conttact $10.00
Entertainment and travel 1.00
Theod. Williams credit by 1 days work.
Geo. T. Foote dr. to 2.00
Bancroft & Martin dr to Team to fetch load from Binghamton
,Cr. by 12 lbs white flour and 2 gals Molasses

2 Wed.-" Thrashed with colt wheat.
Received 1.25 for four meals 2bds, 1 pech oats & hay
Nelson Kelsey dr, to self and team ½ day.
1 load of wood and 1 load hemlock barker 1.00

3 Thur.-"Evening went with wife and Caty to E. Patrciks.
He took 8 yds of damaged Paramatta
took 2 bu rye and one of corn to mill.

4 Fri.-"Self thrashed with cold.
Wife and Oscar attended the funeral of Electa Willcox of Nineveh who cut her throat with a razor."

5 Sat.-"To go to Conventry. Bro. Moremus and self went to ask to ask the church to spare us Elder Parker
Theo W. moved frame.

6 Sun.-"Had no preaching. Self read lecture in church.

7 Mon.-"Merrills called. Self thrashed with colt.

8 Tues.-"Music convention at Nineveh. My team went with load twice and once in evening. Very cold.

9 Wed. BatemanWasson dr to visit. medicine and accouch 3.00
Josh Wilkinson and son called. Randolpp Chamberlain called
Theodore worked choring 3 times.

10 Thur.-"Team went three times. Theo Williams worked for me
Drawed one load of wood. ery cold.

11 Fri.-"Thoedar W. worked at thrashing. PM drove colt for first sing convention. closed with concert this even. Team went three times.

12 Sat.-"Theodore had horse and cutter to Coventry.m B. Gilbert called. Covenant meeting with Eld Leach.

13 Sun.-"Elder Leach communion, Stormy

14 Mon.-"Theodore returned. Came to work 2 pm.

15 Tue.-'Drove colt before sleigh. A. W. Alvord by 11 bundles ofstalks.

16 Wed.-"Theo Williams by one days work.
William Alexander dr. to 14 lbs. ofpork balance due me on hog he fatted on shares at 9¢ 1.16

17 Thur.-"Willizm Wedge dr. to visit in night.
William W. Alexander by help to get one load of wood .25

1856 January

John D. Bancroft, Harpursville

Wm. Wedge dr. to visit andMadicine all night, atttend
Accouch $4.00 cash $4.00
21 Mon Martin Stow Esq buried.
William Alexander, hand sled 5.00
22 Tue. Marcus Stow to v in night 1.00
24 Thur. Took sow to John Wakeman's boar.
25 Fri. Let Wm. Oacar Bancroft have 24.00 dollars
Foot and Martin had horse to deposit

May i,1856 Tuesday

Doctor John Demarest Bancroft Harpurville, 55
142 Lewis Freeman c m 25¢
Nelson Kelsey 1 days working dragging 1.00
Lewis Humaston credit by sowing 10 bu of oats cr. 37½
A. W. Alvord dr. to Horses and sleigh to Coventry

Bancroft & Martin - Stock purchases

Groceries	230.43
Brooms	5.25
Window Paper	2.47
Overshauls	8.87
Books	38.37
Drygoods	15.85
Salt	10.88
Cadfish	31.56
Crockery	25.50
Soap	4.77
Tobacco	2.50
Camphene	.60
Fish lines	.75
Steel pens	2.00
Scythe snaths	3.75
Books	3.38
Matches & tobacco	2.18
Patent medicine	.29
Oxfor Hoes	7.13
Candies and tobacco	4.20
Tin pans	16.49
Ribbons	23.95
Groceries	34.50
Yankee n tions	3.87
Ladies boots	12.75
Gloves & mittens	21.00
Camphene	3.13

Dr. J.D.Bancroft, Harpursville.
January 1859
26 Wed. Edward Merrill crushed under a log.

March, 9. Self, wife and Oscar to see Kelley farm to give an answer next Tuesday.

April 6. Pd Elder Merril 3/ it being interest on his account to Bancroft and Martin

April 24. Elder Merril repudiated
25. M.S.Merwin cr by half day plowing.

May 5 Signed a note with Wilcox for $400.
Due A. Tyrrell in one year, from April 12, 1859

14 Richard killed calf for 18 cents.
had 8 lbs at 6 cents .48
Guy 7½ lbs at 5 cents .38
W, Vosbury 6lb. 7 oz. .32½
Pearsall calf skin 7 ½ lbs 8 oz. .62

16. Planting corn and potatoes
Mat Merwin 1 day
Alexander 1 day.

18. H.P.Birdsall dr to 1832 lbs if hay.
Dr. to fanning mill $4.00

19. Mrs. Collis Allen buried.

26. Richmond Virginia
Population 45,000
Exports in flour worth $4,000,000
Tobacco 25,000,000
R.R. Bridge 80 feet high and 2 miles long
3 foundries with 1,000 workman can turn out 800 rifles and revolvers a day.

June 25 Gilbert sowed turnip seed for me.

October
12. Alexander cr by one day digging potatoes.

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19 Paid H. Merril $5.00, 4.00 to apply on parsonage.
Oscar took E. Cox note for $66.00 due June 1.
24 Eld Merrils repudiated.
25 M.S.Merril by half days work of son
29 Gave Eld Leach $3.00 for New Valley church
Paid H. Merrils $68.80
Isaac Collar Cr by 3 bu of oats.
30 Lewis Alexander by ½ days work

2 Received og Guy and Perry
A.B.Shiffer's note for $40.00
Interest 3.17
Hurlburt's order 20.00
24 S.J.Brown 12 months rent at $2.00 $24.00 pd.
1860 Bought Gold pen of A. Morton, 25 Marden Lane, N.Y.

L860 MAY

11PRATT HEMLOCK PLANK 300FT

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HORSE & WAGON TO BINGHAMTON
" " TO DRAW WOOD
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1861 April.

Dr. John D. Bancroft
15 Gilbert Birdsall arrived and commenced board,

1861 May

2 Setyh Whiticer to 71 pounds of iron

Chaey Pratt by 584 ft. hemlock plank
" " by 4,700 ft Hemlock plank

1861 July

Wm. Oscar Bancroft dr to $12.

9 S. Merwin
by 2 bu of buckwheat at 3/6
by setting 4 shoes

1861 November

7 Capture of Beaufort,S.Caeolina
22 Assist I Guy to draw wheat 11 bu and 3 pecks of
10 bu from E.Patrick

1862 January

Doctor John Demarest Bancroft of Harpursville

28 Tues."Received from the American Missionery Association twenty five dollars for which I gave my note to bear my expenses to and at Fortress Monroe as their teacher. paid 6/ for spectables and 4/ for morphine (own)

29 Wed. I had time and strength to see the whitehouse, the Secretarys, Departments, the capital, Senate, Smithsonian, etc.

30 Thur."Had to lay over in Baltimore because I failed to get to the dock in season in consequence of the baggage master being absent from his post, the boat had just left the dock. Rained all day. Uncomfortable time.

31 Fri."Arrived Fortress Monroe 6 sm. Went To Gen Wools headquarters secured pass and spent the day with B. Lockwood. trying to find board and a place to teach. Could not.

1. Fri."Rain. Was sick and tireed and laid still all day. Went o post office. Sent letter home.

2 Sat."Pleasant. Raw cold wind from north west which dries up the mud. One of the Capt. 53 reg Epiniral's Louroes in the Ericsson. She could not cross the bar. The Capt gave a very bad account of 1 Coln.
The blacks had no meeting in am, attended in the pm. Mr. Lockwood was not present forbiden"

3 Mon."Rain , cold. Received letters from Wife, Caty and Oscar dated Jan 27, 1862. All well. A line from B. Lockwood saying he was summoned befor the commisioner and directed me to keep quiet till he came. Wrote wife, Oscar and Caty.

4 Tues."Sick all day with head ache. In the afternoon B. Lock wood came. Went with him to the Seminary in Camp Hamilton Paid $8.00 for board at Hygea Hotel. Heaad ache till I went to bed. The commission proved to be a through investigation. B. Lockwood was directed by the Commissione. to make a census of the contrabands.
5 Wed."Spent the day taking census

6 Thur."Rained all day. Staid in the Seminary all day. Assisted in preparing the report. This afternoon Adj.Gen Schuler from Massachusets called at the Seminary to see his friends.

7 Fri."Spent the day taking census.

8 Sat."Rain. Went with Elder Osgood (Howard) to the summer residence of President Tyler. Where the African church have their present worship and Brother Cardcastle has a school

9 Sun."Attended meeting near the Tyler house. Elder Osgood pretended to preach. Took a decided stand against the course pursued by Lockwood and his Missionary school operations. Lockwood replied and take it all around it was quite unpleas ant. In pm meeting at Seminary, Lockwood preached.

10 Mon."Cold, unpleasant. Lockwood wished me to take boat and go to New Port News and see if I can start a school there. SAid Col. Cramm had recalled his permit to conduct school. So all aflote again.

12 Wed." Did little today but assist Lockwood in unpacking sev ral barrels of goods sent to contraband."

13 Thur."Pleasant day. Went with Lockwood to General Wools. Commisioner Cram gave us leave to start a school. I sent letter to that effect to the Missionary Board in N,Y. Sent letters to Oscar and Patrick. Lockwood said he would see about board but finally

14 Fri."Cloudy. Diarrhoe. A Dr. Hawks from N.H. came to the Seminary. Claims to be Unitarian so Brother Lockwood is all attention and contriving to have him appointed to the super vision of the blacks.

15 Sat."Rain. Do not stir out. Received letter from home dated the 12th stating the sicknes of Brother Nathan ial Birdsall. and sudden death. Feel very sad. And that Sister Eliza Brown has lost one of her little girls by diphtheria

and had given birth to a third girl. The news of Capture of Rhoanoke confirmed, also Union success on the Tennessee.

16 Sun."Attended meeting near the Tyler House. Hyde led the meeting and I told my Christisn experience which seemed to give pretty general satisfaction. In the evening in the gymnasium of the seminary I spoke again.

17 Mon."Rained all day. Did not stir out as I was sick all day with dyspepsia and tenesmus."

18 Tue."Fair weather all am. Wemt to the Tyler house and madde my first commencement at teaching school regularly. Better but not well. "

19 Wed."Remained in the Seminary on Mr. Lockwoods advice since it rained all day.

20 Thur."Very fair. Atended school at Tyler house."

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22 Sat."Rained all day. No school. Quite unwell. assisted some in preparing school in the basement of the Seminary, for Brother Hydes school.:

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24 Mon."A very bright and warm day. Brisk wind. Attended the funeral of Sister Peake of whos Missionary and Philan thropic acts, for the contrbands so much is said. A fire at the fort, 4 old buildings destroyed, full of contraband.

25 Tue,"Pleasant day. Much disappointed in not recieving a letter."

26 Wed."Pleasant day. School at Tyler house. Commenced boarding at Merrill. Shepheds. Had a good dinner and supper. Rain. Attended meating in basement. A room full of colored people. Their prayers and exhortations though in broken speech were sound in doctrine."

27 Thur."Pleasant day. Wrote a letter to P. Hurlburt to Hardcastle. Evening bible class.

28 Fri. Pleasant morning. Little ice in the bottom of the oyster boats.

Dr. Lutton for cough
Tinct. Sang nitrata
Tinct. opii camph.
Syrup. Scilla
Syrup. Tolu aa ℥j
M q 3 hours

Potass. Iodide grs
Syr. Sarsaparilla ℥j
Tres in die

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1 Sat."Pleasamt day. Did not finad any letter. Went to Seminary. There saw Mr. Wild from the north, I think Boston who had a good deal to say against Elder Howard Osgood. The Bapt st Agent sent a letter home to the editor of the church Chronicle.

2 sun." Attended meeting at sunrise but as it was raining and I did not feel well did not attend meeting again until evening when we had a good meeting. I read the 15 Chapt. of Joh and made some remarks about the necessity of the spirits influence in true piety and the exhorters took up the idea and gave some powerful remarks.

3 Mon."fwel some better today. Rain."

4 Tue."Mild pleasant day. Had a good cough with pain in my shoulders and arms last night, and today. Still got along with my school. Took Ipecaac and Morphine."

5 wed."Mary Caty attacked with inflammatory rheumatism. I am more comfortable today. School. Visited in Tylors parlor, in it three families and 14 persons. Nancy Dennis Judy Latimer. Nancy told her ChristianExperience, it was quite peculiar.

6 Thur."Wind severe all day with some snow and ice on the ground.

7 Fri."Mary Catharine sick with inflammatory rheumatism. Kept school till we were nearly through then I had to give up. Was in severe pain so I could not lie down for 48 hours nor sleep for 36 hours, when I rested some in sitting position with morphine. Took cold using an open privy over the water and my prolapse inflamed and pain in back, bowles and sides, all those parts.

8 Sat."Dr. Winston and Mr. Lockwood visited me today. The doctor sent me 6 grs of blue pill, and Dover powders and some salts.. Was in a good deal of distress today. At 5 took blue pill, at 9 dovers powder. Edmund gave me a sitz bath and rubbed my hips. back and both feet and it gave me much re;ief and I slept.

9 Sun."At 6 ovlock took salts. This am. physic appears thorough and I am much relieved. Brother Lockwood called and paid $3.00 towards bosrd. While I write the house is shook by the firing of cannon in the battle of Newport News. Report that the rebels have destroyed two of our steamers and killed and wounded 300 men. A colored me tells me a rebel steamer has just taken. The battle in Hampton roads the Monitor and Merrimac. Iron.

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L Tue."A.W.Alvord dr to horses and sleigh to Coventry 12/

4 Fri."Wd . Hare Cr. by two dollars as interest in his contract with Geo. Tyrrell.

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22 Tuesday."Newmarket taken April 17. Banks success in New Mexico. Fort Wright on Mississippi captured. Siege of York Town under McClelland progressing.

24 Pass Christian taken. Phillips and Jackson ft taken.

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THE CHURCH

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24. Forts Philllips and Jackson taken

L7.	RECEIVED OF STORE, EDGERTON & BANCROFT	$1375.00	1,375.00
	LEEDS & CO.		100.95
	WHITE & DOUGLAS	32.87	32.87
	LEEDS & CO		L,478.67

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1863 May

John Demarest Bancroft, 62 yrs., Harpursville

11 "To a half day plowing at Peasalls. Dr. to me for self and team 1.25."

13 "William Brissee 1 days work drawing out manure. 1.00."

14 "William dr. to me for ½ day self and team plowing at Pearsalls .75
Cr. ½ day to drawing posts from Dort's."

15 "½ day self and team dragging dr. to me .75."

16 Sat. "William Brizzee ½ days work. Preparing ground for corn, drew out one load of manure.
By yearling colt. $30. This amount to be credited to his account at Edgerton and Bancroft store."

18 "Williams Self and mare and wagon to work at planting. .50
William Brizzee to one day planting potatoes cr. 1.00."

19 Tue. "Self and mare to plant at Peasalls. Williams dr to me .75
William Brizzee cr. one day planting potatoes."

20 Wed. "Williams to a small spate of ground planted to corn on shares.
William Brizzee cr. ½ day planting corn."

21 Thur. "½ day drawing stone and scraping cow yard. Cr. Brizzee."

25 Mon. "William Brizzee, over 1/3 day making fence. 40¢"

27 Wed. "William Brizzee ½ day on fence. .50"

28 Thur. "1½ day work on fence on hill. William Brizzee cr."

29 Fri. "William Brizzee one days work on fence on hill 1.00 cr."

December, 1861 Engs
Lockwood went on Speaking Tour of North

Appealed to MG Wool for aid.
Denounced officials at Fort Monroe in his speeches.
Reported:
QM was accused by blacks of withholding rations and clothing, selling them on the black market and pocketing the profit.
CPT Tallmedge even jailed blacks who objected.
Word of his speeches preceded Lockwood's return. When he returned, CPT Tallmedge refused him permission to visit Freedmen in the Fort and closed their school and church.

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Quotes MG Wool as calling ex-slaves, "Vagrants" defined as "wandering, unsettled, moving without any certain direction." AMA prefers the term "colored refugees."

Jan 25, 1862 p415
JD to Oscar from New York

Tired and almost sick yesterday. Feel "quite comfortable" this afternoon."
Has "rained all day."
"....I had intended to visit the office. I expect my not doing so will cluster business on Monday morning."

Jan 27 p416
Ella Patrick to Caty from Brooklyn

Enclosed with JD's letter p415
"Your father intends leaving here tomorrow."

Jan 27 p415

Visited Mr. Dick and the Cranes.
"Elsie (Crane?) was quite earnest to learn where I was going and what my business was, but I thought it not best to enlighten them."

Jan 28 (cont. of JD's letter) p415

Staying at 61 John St. New York
"How it snows."
"PS. They have just given me $25 to defray my expenses for which I gave my debit." [This may be the Patricks rather than the AMA]

Jan 28, 1862 p418 reverse
Whipple and Joslyn to JD from Amer Mission Assoc

Letter of certification as teacher at Fortress Monroe.

Jan 28, 1862 p418 reverse
Joslyn to JD

Instructions for traveling to Fort Monroe

Jan 29 p404

JD missed steamboat ride.
Went to Washington DC
    Saw Stanton, McClellan and Smithsonian

Jan 30 1862 p404
JD from Baltimore Hotel

"Not able to get on steamboat yesterday"
[Interpretation: This does not mean he was late. The boat may have been sold out]

Overheard discussion of war and slavery in the "saloon."
Gambling smoking and swearing in "Bar Room."

[Notes:
Syms-Eaton Museum, Hampton VA visited July 27, 1987.
Post Civil War Hygeia Hotel Adverstisement states steamships of the Old Bay Line left Baltimore at the foot of Concord~~s~~ Street daily at 4:00PM to sail to Fort Monroe. Concord Street ends at the Inner Harbor of Baltimore now.]

Jan 31, 1862
JD arrives at Fort Monroe at 6:00 AM
Takes loyalty oath in Provost Marshal's office.
Meets MG Wool
    Learns of Commission investigating treatment of ex-slaves.
Met Lockwood at Seminary

Jan 31, 1862 p405
Sentinel Unit Pass signed by MG Wool

Feb 1, 1862 p406
JDB to Oscar from Hygeia Hotel, Fort Monroe

Arrived yesterday.

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From the back pages of his diary

1800, May 4th I was born in Catskill, Green Co.,N.Y.
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Demarest, widow of Capt Jan Demarest.
1806, In the winter father moved to Moretown,Vt.
1808, Nov. 5th Mother died
1811, Jan. 13, Father married Lydia S. Robinson
1812, Sept. 12 lived with Champ Van Bergen
1815, Oct. Left brother Henry O. Demarest in Catskill
and went to father's in Oaksville, Otsego Co.N.Y.
1817, April to teach school in Town of Canajoharrie,
Dec, 22. Began a school in Oppenheim
1818, May 4, Began school in Canajoharrie.
Nov. 14, " " " Herkimer, Co.
1819, In the summer lived with my father at Sangerfield.
Oneida Co., N.Y.
Nov. 8, Taught school in Litchfield, Herkimer Co.
There became acqianted with the Dows and Cadwells.
1820, May 1, Began School at Canajoharrie
Nov. 29,School in Danube, Herkimer Co., village
of New Ville. Became acquainted with Elders
Willcox, Holmes, Pomeroy, Houpt.
1821; Aug. 12, Struck under the conviction
" 15, Obtained a hope.
Oct. 7, Was baptised by Elder Clark, in the river
and joined the Baptist Church in Sangerfield.
1822,April 17 Finnished school in Danube. Went to Fathers.
Nov. 12 Began school in GermanFlatts for 4½ months.
Herkimer County school house stood close to the
old Stone Meeting house which with General
Herkimer's stone house still standing were
enclosed in palicades composing the old fort
in the war.
1823, May 10, Began study of of Medicine with Dr.
Benjamin G. Ellis in Paines Hollow, German
Flatts for 6 months at $30.00
1824,Oct. 9, Gave up the study of medicine
1825, April 21, Again began the study under Dr. Ellis

1837,April 1, Wm. P. Simmons gave me the possession
of the mill, I commenced sawing, Near Ypsilanti

1831 March 25 - Moved to Colesville
Broome County, N.Y.
19 April - Had my first call of importance.
6, July 1835 - Our son Henry Demarest Born
31 January 1840 - Died of Scarlet fever.
1840 Dec. 25 - Our son Henry Birdsall Bancroft
born - Died Sept 16, 1843 2 yrs, 8 months, 2 days.
In Jan 1837 Went to Perrysburgh, Ohio to
Elder J. Oscar Birdsall's
1837 in March purchased property in York,
Michigan as saw mill, House, Lot and 80 acres
of timber in partnership with Elder J.O.
Birdsall.
March 16, commenced board with A,R, Wheeler
of York. In June returned from Ohio to Otego.
In August moved to Harpursville.
1843, 16 Sept - Our son Henry Birdsall Died
27, Nov. Edward Demarest Bancroft born
1847, 30 Nov. " " " died.
1845, Jan 1. Moved from Harpursville to Otego
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Lockwood went on Speaking Tour of North

Appealed to MG Wool for aid.
Denounced officials at Fort Monroe in his speeches.
Reported:
QM was accused by blacks of withholding rations and clothing, selling them on the black market and pocketing the profit.
CPT Tallmedge even jailed blacks who objected.
Word of his speeches preceded Lockwood's return. When he returned, CPT Tallmedge refused him permission to visit Freedmen in the fort and closed their school and church.

January 1862 American Missionary Abstracts

Quotes MG Wool as calling ex-slaves, "Vagrants" defined as "wandering, unsettled, moving without any certain direction." AMA prefers the term "colored refugees."

Jan 25, 1862 p415
JD to Uncer from New York

Tired and almost sick yesterday. Feel "quite comfortable" this afternoon."
Has "rained all day."
"....I had intended to visit the office. I expect my not doing so will cluster business on Monday morning."

Jan 27 p416
Ella Patrick to Caty from Brooklyn

Enclosed with JD's letter p415
"Your father intends leaving here tomorrow."

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Visited Mr. Dick and the Cranes.
"Elsie (Crane?) was quite earnest to learn where I was going and what my business was, but I thought it not best to enlighten them."

Jan 28 (cont. of JD's letter) p415

Staying at 61 John St. New York
"How it snows."
"PS. They have just given me $25 to defray my expenses for which I gave my debit." [This may be the Patricks rather than the AMA]

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Feb 12, 1862 p425
Oscar to JD

"I hope you will not stay and jeopardize your health. Unless the way for usefulness is providentially opened. Since sitting by Uncle Nathan and witness(ing) the anxious care of his family, I have thought more than ever how it would be with you should you ever again be stricken down with disease among as unsympathizing people around you as you find them."

Feb 12 (cont of JD letter) p421

Visited General
"....obtained permission to teach a primary school and shall begin as soon as I can make the arrangements for room and board, etc. This is a warm and beautiful day, like summer rather than spring or winter. I feel more hopeful."
Homesick

Feb 15, 1862 p407
JD to Laura

Depressed
Diarrhea for several days, not severe, but annoying, with "prolapsus and tenseness."
Mr. Hardcastle of Long Island returns today having taught 4 or 5 weeks.

Feb 15 p408
JD to Caty

Rainy
I do not feel well
Thrilled by your letter.
I like your style of writing.
Jokes about teaching correct pronunciation.

Feb 19 (cont of letter to Laura) p407

Raining
Stayed in Seminary
"Company is wild and noisy, but I can find any amount of good reading."
Pray for me.

Feb 21 p409
Caty to JD

croaking of a superstitious prejudiced old fogey."
Reports hearing rumor that the Army may move against Norfolk soon.

Feb 25 (Caty letter cont) p400

Visited by Oscar, Cora and Jennie
Aunt Tacy has "cold."
Mother is better.

Undated but probably Feb 20 p400
JD to Laura from Tyler House

Wednesday
Expresses homesickness
"But I am not much cast down for I feel a consciousness of, in some small degree, at least of being in the way of my duty. I am now teaching school and boarding in the Tyler House."
Describes black spirituality approvingly.
"My health is somewhat better."

Feb 28? (probably 27) p411
Caty to JD

Visited by Mr. Stockwell who inquired if JD had gone to Fortress Monroe. "The folks do not seem hardy to know yet."
"I dreamed last night that Fortress Monroe was taken by the rebels and you were taken prisoner and come home on parole and had got to go back. I dream about you most every night."
"Have negroes got the same colored blood? Aunt Lady and I got to talking about it and I would like to know."

March 1 p426
JD to Caty

Showed picture of Caty to a black deacon and teacher in Hampton who raved over it.
Delightful spring morning with a little ice and cold north wind.

March 1 PM p426
JD to Oscar

"At the Seminary again, disappointed in not finding any letters for me. Well it's a disappointment but I find a gentleman here, an agent for the Society under which I am acting and he lays heavy and grievous charges against the Baptists. But perhaps you are as well informed on this subject as I am, as I find I am watched and kept in the dark as much as possible while this gentleman and Missionary Lockwood are consulting. I am twice

March 8-9, 1862
Battle of Hampton Roads between the Monitor and Merrimack.

March 11, 1862 p485
Oscar to JD

"I hope you will be able to set the time for your return home in your next. That is, if you return in season for spring work." "It seems as though the Union troops have had another sad reverse in your immediate vicinity, two vessels being lost. How do you like the President's message?"

March 20, 1862 Engs
Report of Army Commission

OM payments to blacks were $10,000 in arrears.
Deliberate fraud revealed.
CPT Tallmadge and his assistants relieved of their duties.
Cash payment of blacks instituted.
A hospital for freedmen ordered built at Camp Hamilton.
Freedmen's school at Fort Monroe reopened.
Charles P Wilder of Boston appointed Superintendent of Contrabands.

Eng Dissertation

"General Wool promised his 'utmost support' for missionary work with the freedmen both before and after the commission's investigation, but his subordinates did not necessarily feel the same way. Military doctors forced the blacks and missionaries to vacate the Chesapeake Seminary which they had been using as a school and living quarters. The excuse was that the doctors wanted the blacks 'out of the way' in case of an attack and the buildings were needed as a hospital for wounded soldiers. There was no attack and the buildings stood vacant for several weeks. Nonetheless, blacks were forced to live in tents along the Mill Creek Swamp in the midst of winter. Appeals to General Wool this time brought only the curt comment that the missionaries had been 'teaching shcoool long enough'".

May 1862 American Missionary Abstracts

Report of Wool's Commission published in American Missionary newspaper.

May 1862 - Pres. Lincoln visited Fort Monroe to plan strategy for Peninsular Campaign.

June 1862

MG Wool replaced as Commander of Fort Monroe by General John Dix.

JD implies Wool is a proslavery opponent of Lockwood.

Feb 3, 1862 p417
JD to Caty

Describes school room for blacks as "upper chamber 7 by 9, if as big,..."
"O! How I long to be rich enough to do something better for them."
"If every little child in the free states old enough to go to the grocery and buy a stick of candy could give one cent every week what an amount of good it would do."

Feb 3, 1862 p418
JD to Whipple and Joslyn from Fortress Monroe

"As (Lockwood) knows and comprehends more about the present difficulty I think not best for me to attempt an explanation."
"Although the present prospect is rather forbidding. I still feel more of hope than at first as I think I misapprehended the object of the commission, the General spoke of. I first supposed it was to attend to Brother Lockwood particularly. On further reflection, I apprehend it is to investigate the treatment, the contrabands have received and to devise a more systematic mode of managment, especially as the Gen. told me to attend to my business of teaching."
"My health is better. I do not cough near as much as when I came."

Feb 5, 1862 p420-421
JD to Oscar from Seminary in Camp Hamilton

Describes the Seminary building and geographic relationship to the fort, Camp Hamilton and "what remains of Hampton."
"This has been a very fine day and I have been pretty busy taking a census of the contraband, for the commission appointed by the Gerneral Wool...."
Describes circumstances of two exslaves, Mariah Barber and Alfred Upshall.
A fine morning. "All complain of the mud."

Feb 6 (cont of JD letter) p420-421

Continued census.
"Some stated they had all their clothing, except what they had on, and their bedding burned when Hampton was burned by the secessionists so that they had suffered from the cold."
Observed Indiana regiment firing cannon across the bay.
Complains about shaving with cold water.
"When I came down to the sitting room was introduced to Elder Osgood, from New York, who was sent here by the Baptist to look

JD to Oscar probably from Hygeia Hotel

"....my fire is about out and only two rather poor sticks with which to recruit it, and it is growing dark. When I go to the bar to obtain more candle the landlord cuts me off a piece."
Thanks for your encouragement.
"They will see into the necessity of the investigation into the abuses of the under strappers and right the wrongs of the poor oppressed ones, as they evidently defraud them of their hard earned wages, as you will soon learn. I wish I could tell you more of the particulars. Instead of paying them from $6 to $8 they do not get as good as 12 cents, many of them besides being obliged to work extra time, say a good part of two nights a week and some of the time Sundays and rotate of the brick diminished in the regular working hours, with plenty of abuse besides. Such as pounding and kicking about and to work in rags that do not always cover the nakedness. But I hope to ere long give you more particulars. One poor fellow was knocked down with a spade and was disabled in the hospital."

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Undated p413b
JD to Laura

If we could build, buy or hire a house we could use as a dwelling ant accomodate 50-100 scholars, "how glad I should be to have you here with me."
Describes black's poor living conditions.
"Much of this might be ameliorated did the whites rightly consider their duty and responsibility. But instead of that the majority either care nothing about it or wish it to go on, so as to compel them to go back to bondage or by their destruction to say 'We told you so.' The blacks are better off in bondage. They can't take care of themselves."
Rain drizzling constantly.
"....no intelligence from Brother Lockwood. Only the rumor of yesterday confirmed that he was debarred from using the mess house as previous for meeting and the Negroes understood that I was also prohibited."
Reports several anti-black expressions from whites.
Reports on good performance of blacks at prayer and conference meeting.
"My health is as good as it was at home." Problems with diet.
Homesickness is apparent.

Feb 10, 1862 p423
Laura to JD

Monday
Reports on visiting dying brother, Nathan.

Feb 10, 1862 p424
Sanford Martin to his sister Cora Bancroft from Mason City, Ill.

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7 Fri."Mary Catharine sick with inflammatory rheumatism. Kept school till we were nearly through then I had to give up. Was in severe pain so I could not lie down for 48 hours nor sleep for 36 hours, when I rested some in sitting position with morphine. Took cold using an open privy over the water and my prolapse inflamed and pain in back, bowles and sides, all those parts.

8 Sat."Dr. Winston and Mr. Lockwood visited me today. The doctor sent me 6 grs of blue pill, and Dover powders and some salts.. Was in a good deal of distress today. At 5 took blue pill, at 9 dovers powder. Edmund gave me a sitz bath and rubbed my hips. back and both feet and it gave me much re;ief and I slept.

9 Sun."At 6 ovlock took salts. This am. physic appears thorough and I am much relieved. Brother Lockwood called and paid $3.00 towards bosrd. While I write the house is shook by the firing of cannon in the battle of Newport News. Report that the rebels have destroyed two of our steamers and killed and wounded 300 men. A colored me tells me a rebel steamer has just taken. The battle in Hampton roads the Monitor and Merrimac. Iron.

John Demarest Bancroft, 62 yrs., Harpursville

11 "To a half day plowing at Peasalls. Dr. to me for self and team 1.25."

13 "William Brissee 1 days work drawing out manure. 1.00."

14 "William dr. to me for ½ day self and team plowing at Pearsalls .75
Cr. ½ day to drawing posts from Dort's."

15 "½ day self and team dragging dr. to me .75."

16 Sat. "William Brizzee ½ days work. Preparing ground for corn, drew out one load of manure.
By yearling colt. $30. This amount to be credited to his account at Edgerton and Bancroft store."

18 "Williams Self and mare and wagon to work at planting. .50
William Brizzee to one day planting potatoes cr. 1.00."

19 Tue. "Self and mare to plant at Peasalls. Williams dr to me .75
William Brizzee cr. one day planting potatoes."

20 Wed. "Williams to a small spate of ground planted to corn on shares.
William Brizzee cr. ½ day planting corn."

21 Thur. "½ day drawing stone and scraping cow yard. Cr. Brizzee."

25 Mon. "William Brizzee, over 1/3 day making fence. 40¢"

27 Wed. "William Brizzee ½ day on fence. .50"

28 Thur. "1½ day work on fence on hill. William Brizzee cr."

29 Fri. "William Brizzee one days work on fence on hill 1.00 cr."

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Feb 12, 1862 p405
Oscar to JD

"I hope you will not stay and jeopardize your health. Unless the way for usefulness is providentially opened. Since sitting by Uncle Nathan and witness(ing) the anxious care of his family, I have thought more than ever how it would be with you should you ever again be stricken down with disease among as unsympathizing people around you as you find them."

Feb 13 (cont of JD letter) p421

Visited General
"....obtained permission to teach a primary school and shall begin as soon as I can make the arrangements for room and board, etc. This is a warm and beautiful day, like summer rather than spring or winter. I feel more hopeful."
Homesick

Feb 15, 1862 p407
JD to Laura

Depressed
Diarrhea for several days, not severe, but annoying, with "prolapsus and tenseness."
Mr. Hardcastle of Long Island returns today having taught 4 or 5 weeks.

Feb 15 p408
JD to Caty

Rainy
I do not feel well
Thrilled by your letter.
I like your style of writing.
Jokes about teaching correct pronunciation.

Feb 19 (cont of letter to Laura) p407

Raining
Stayed in Seminary
"Company is wild and noisy, but I can find any amount of good reading."
Pray for me.

Feb 21 p409
Caty to JD

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March 8-9, 1862
Battle of Hampton Roads between the Monitor and Merrimack.

March 11, 1862 p429
Oscar to JD

"I hope you will be able to set the time for your return home in your next. That is, if you return in season for spring work." "It seems as though the Union troops have had another sad reverse in your immediate vicinity, two vessels being lost. How do you like the President's message?"

March 20, 1862 Engs
Report of Army Commission

GM payments to blacks were $10,000 in arrears.
Deliberate fraud revealed.
CPM Tallmadge and his assistants relieved of their duties.
Cash payment of blacks instituted.
A hospital for freedmen ordered built at Camp Hamilton.
Freedmen's school at Fort Monroe reopened.
Charles P Wilder of Boston appointed Superintendent of Contrabands.

Eng Dissertation

"General Wool promised his 'utmost support' for missionary work with the freedmen both before and after the commission's investigation, but his subordinates did not necessarily feel the same way. Military doctors forced the blacks and missionaries to vacate the Chesapeake Seminary which they had been using as a school and living quarters. The excuse was that the doctors wanted the blacks 'out of the way' in case of an attack and the buildings were needed as a hospital for wounded soldiers. There was no attack and the buildings stood vacant for several weeks. Nonetheless, blacks were forced to live in tents along the Mill Creek Swamp in the midst of winter. Appeals to General Wool this time brought only the curt comment that the missionaries had been 'teaching sheeeel long enough'".

May 1862 American Missionary Abstracts

Report of Wool's Commission published in American Missionary newspaper.

May 1862 - Pres. Lincoln visited Fort Monroe to plan strategy for Peninsular Campaign.

June 1862

MG Wool replaced as Commander of Fort Monroe by General John Dix.